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Celebrating THE LIFE OF Octavio "Ray" Mayer

February 8, 2025 2 - 4 p.m. American Legion Wilmore-Richter Post 161 6230 W. 60th Avenue Arvada, CO



RON NELSON COMMANDER



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The Jacksons are also known for putting on a Pizza night from time to time. If you haven't had their Pizza, you ain't had pizza!

Medal of Honor JOHN A CHAPMAN

DETAILS

- RANK: TECHNICAL SERGEANT (HIGHEST RANK: POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTED TO MASTER SERGEANT)
- CONFLICT/ERA: WAR ON TERRORISM (AFGHANISTAN)
- UNIT/COMMAND:

ATTACHED TO U.S. NAVY SEAL TEAM

- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. AIR FORCE
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: MARCH 4, 2002

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MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: TAKUR GHAR, AFGHANISTAN

CITATION

Technical Sergeant John A. Chapman distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism as an Air Force Special Tactics Combat Controller, attached to a Navy Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) Team conducting reconnaissance operations in Takur Ghar, Afghanistan, on March 4, 2002.

During insertion, the team's helicopter was ambushed causing a teammate to fall into an entrenched group of enemy combatants below. Sergeant Chapman and the team voluntarily reinserted onto the snow-capped mountain, into the heart of a known enemy stronghold to rescue one of their own.

Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Chapman immediately engaged, moving in the direction of the closest enemy position despite coming under heavy fire from multiple directions. He fearlessly charged an enemy bunker, up a steep incline in thigh-deep snow and into hostile fire, directly engaging the enemy. Upon reaching the bunker, Sergeant Chapman assaulted and cleared the position, killing all enemy occupants. With complete disregard for his own life, Sergeant Chapman deliberately moved from cover only 12 meters from the enemy, and exposed himself once again to attack a second bunker, from which an emplaced machine gun was firing on his team. During this assault from an exposed position directly in the line of intense fire, Sergeant Chapman was struck and injured by enemy fire. Despite severe, mortal wounds, he continued to fight relentlessly, sustaining a violent engagement with multiple enemy personnel before making the ultimate sacrifice.



By his heroic actions and extraordinary valor, sacrificing his life for the lives of his teammates, Technical Sergeant Chapman upheld the highest traditions of military service and reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- •ACCREDITED TO: WINDSOR LOCKS, HARTFORD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: YES
- •PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: AUGUST 22, 2018

WHITE HOUSE, TO HIS WIDOW, BY PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

- •BORN: JULY 14, 1965, SPRINGFIELD, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA, UNITED STATES
- •DIED: MARCH 4, 2002, TAKUR GHAR, AFGHANISTAN
- •BURIED: SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY, WINDBER, PA, UNITED STATES

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

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HELEN MUSKOPF - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



HAPPY NEW YEAR

We all made it through the holidays and now we are into a new year.

I'm hoping for a good year The Ladies Auxiliary is having a hard time getting volunteers. I know it gets tiresome hearing about this, but without volunteers the American Legion Post 161 would cease to exist. We wouldn't be raising money from our dinners, breakfasts & other things we do. Then we wouldn't have money to pay bills (yes the LEGION, SAL,

AUXILIARY and RIDERS have bills) and keep the doors open. Also we wouldn't be able to help our veterans, their families & other organizations we work with. We hear about how we have volunteered in years past but please don't quit now. I've volunteered for over 15 years & am trying really hard to not slow down because of health or whatever concerns but it does happen. If you could volunteer a few hours here and there, it does make a big difference. If you can only volunteer sitting down & not standing, we can certainly accommodate you & it's not always on the weekends. It is a lot of fun also. Please remember we are all a big family. YOU ALL MATTER.

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

Helen Muskopf

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER

Happy February to all members of the Post.

2025 is already going too fast for us.. The S.A.L. in



January had two new members to report for this year so far. Welcome to our Post new members.

Our S.A.L. volunteers n January were able to raise the funds to supply the materials for the outside break room area, The S.A.L. a week later was able to raise the funds to pay the labor to help redo the area. this is where

volunteering helps us help others.

If anybody would like to join us on our goals to help others please call Rich at 303-426-6960. We need to build up our our list and want to thank all who have helped us overall.. Thank you again

One again, Terry Peterson says hi toeverybody and she is doing great. She misses the members and of course the Pckles.

March is around the corner so lets get ready for some warm weather.

Troops hurry home and stay safe.



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Departed

Daniel McKinley Frank Morgan **Transfers**

Timothy Tesch GWT - Navy James Friel - Vietnam - Army **Anderson Tice - GWT - Navy** Lee Baros - Vietnam - Army John Altland - Grenada - Army

Donations

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

Total Membership

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

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

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 Sqt-at-Arms- Char Orr Members at Large: Lynn Cody & Crystal Messer

Sons of the American Legion

Commander - Brian Froid 1st Vice - Robert Tinslev 2nd Vice - Dale Crow Finance Officer - Neil Walker Sgt at Arms - Mike Blimling Chaplain - Rich Liberato Adjuntant - Don Rodlin Automatic BOG: Judy Maathuis 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 Historian - Regina Montgomery

Sgt at Arms Roger Divis Chaplain Jan Bobb Road Captain Al Muniz Road Lt - Phil Rome

Daily Drawing

11-25	Lynn Cody	\$340.00*
11-26	Connie Brienza	\$11.00
11-27	Carol Riss-Arnold	\$23.00
11-28	CLOSED Thanksgiv	ving
11-29	Veronica Cloutier	\$31.00
11-30	Sharon Stone	\$41.25
12-1	Anthony Dattilo	\$49.50
12-2	Robert Glad	\$58.75
12-3	Phyllis Bexley	\$67.25
12-4	James McDonald	\$74.75
12-5	Francis Galmish	\$83.25
12-6	James Mather	\$103.50
12-7	Denise Froid	\$111.50
12-8	Thom Langley	\$121.00
12-9	Judith Butz	\$130.00
12-10	Pamela Wilson	\$137.25
12-11	Richard Revette	\$146.25
12-12	Melissa Bruce	\$156.25
12-13	David Junck	\$166.25
12-14	Douglas Turner	\$176.75
12-15	Michael Davidson	\$184.00
12-16	Noah Webb	\$194.50
12-17	Raymond Andrews	
12-18	Bethany Lee	\$209.75
12-19	Bonnie Rork	\$218.25
12-20	Michael Pfeifer	\$228.25
12-21	Jimmy Alfaro	\$238.00
12-22	Gregory Campbell	\$247.50
12-23	Sharon Booton	\$254.50
12-24	Tracy Kobold	\$259.25
12-25	CLOSED	
12-26	Lila Helmkamp	\$270.50
12-27	Eddie Lazo	\$279.50
12-28	Ryan Derrough	\$287.50
12-29	Joseph Rossi	\$296.50
12-30	Lillian Rotella	\$302.75
12-31	Ryan Anderson	\$309.50

WINNER

Daily Drawing

1-1	Paul Legler	\$314.50	1_16	Virgina Haney	\$67.25
1-2	Cheryl Prangley	\$320.75	1-10	David Butler	\$73.00
1-3	Mark Colyer	\$327.75			•
1-4	James Heylmann	\$334.75	1-18	Alam Taylor Sr.	\$78.75
1-5	Mackenzie Gardener	\$345.75	1-19	Shawna Foster	\$82.25
		·	1-20	Michael Bobb	\$87.25
1-6	Alison Young	\$352.50	1-21	Pamela Andasola	\$94.25
1-7	Gregory Asher	\$358.50	1-22	William Gregory III	\$102.50
1-8	Donald Baldwin*	\$364.00*	1-23	• •	\$110.25
1-9	Marlone Liberato	\$9.25		Christina Fresquez	\$117.75
1-10	Charles Nidey Jr.	\$18.75	1-25	Daniel Ziebarth	\$124.00
1-11	Albert Muniz	\$28.25	1-26	James Ortega	\$130.75
1-12	Dennis Zweifel	\$36.75	1-27	Richard Weber	\$140.50
1-13	Ralph Schreckengost	\$44.25	1-28	Ronald Stierle	\$149.25
1-14	Tyler Ostrom	\$52.00	1-29	Bradly Christianson	\$156.00
1-15	Bruce Weller	\$61.00		•	•
			1-30	Bethany Lee	\$161.754

* WINNER



February 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY Snow Hogo USAF A-10 **OUEEN OF** tied down in Afghanistan **HEARTS 7PM** 28-11am 5 6 3 ACTIVITY MEETING 12PM **TACO TUESDAY** BREAKFAST! 4-10 PM **SHOW ME Retired Peace** Officers 12 pm **Rocky Flats** THE MONEY **Lunch served Breakfast 9am QUEEN OF ACTIVITY Mon-Sat MEETING 12PM HEARTS 7PM** Lounge open 8 am 14 Valentine 10 12 13 15 98-11am **TACO TUESDAY BREAKFAST!** Dinner Friendship Lunch 4-10 PM 11:00 am **Bingo** Volunteers **DINNER 5-6:45 Membership** Sub Vets 7:00 pm Luncheon **OUEEN OF** Meeting 7:00 pm **BOG 6:00 pm** 11:30 a.m. **HEARTS 7PM** Lounge open 8 am 16 POT LUCK 17 18 19 20 21 22 SUNDAYS I PM **TACO TUESDAY** 4-10 PM **SHOW ME** BLOOD Coopers DRIVE THE MONEY **Purple Heart Troopers 11 am DINNER 5-6:45** 11 am - 3:30 pm Vets 6:15 **QUEEN OF Marine Corps HEARTS 7PM** League 6:30 pm Louingreoppen 18 pm 238-11am 25 TACO TUESDAY 26 28 24 4-10 PM Lunch served REMEMBER VISIT Mon-Sat Legion TO SIGN IN! Lounge open 8 ar **Riders 6pm** THE POST!

Monday 11 to 4 pm Tuesday 11 to 4 pm Wednesday 11 to 7pm Wednesday 11 to 7pm COMING IN FEBRUARY: TACO TUESDAY 4 TO 7



BURGERS & MORE

ALL SANDWICHES & BURGERS SERVED WITH FRIES. SUBSTITUTE ONION RINGS OR TATER TOTS 1.00

CHEESEBURGER	10.00
TOPPED WITH AMERICAN CHEESE,	
LETTUCE, PICKLE, TOMATO & MAYO	
PATTY MELT	10.25
BEEF PATTY TOPPED WITH SWISS CHEESE,	
CRILLED ONIONS AND 1000 ISLAND	

BLT 10.25 5 SLICES OF BACON, SLICED TOMATO,

LETTUCE & MAYO ON TOASTED WHITE OR WHEAT BREAD.

10.75 **CLUB SANDWICH**

CLASSIC TRIPLE DECKER WITH SLICED HAM, TURKEY, BACON, CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATOES ON TOASTED BREAD WITH MAYONAISE.

11.50 FISH & CHIPS

3 CRISPY BATTERED FISH FILLET SERVED WITH FRIES & TARTER SAUCE.

CRISPY CHICKEN SALAD 11.00

SALAD GREENS TOPPED WITH CRISPY CHICKEN, DICED EGG, CHEDDAR CHEESE, TOMATO & CUCUMBER.

11.50 CHEF SALAD

TURKEY, HAM, CHEESE, SLICED EGG AND TOMATOES.

TEA

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JUICE	2.50
SODA	2.50
COFFEE	2.50

STARTERS

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CHICKEN STRIPS (4) W/FRIES	10.25
HOT WINGS (6) hot, mild, bbq, honey hot, teriyaki	10.25
ADD RANCH, BLUE CHEESE, OR CELERY	.50
GREEN CHILI CHEESE FRIES	8.75
BASKET OF FRIES	6.25
BASKET OF ONION RINGS	7.50
BASKET OF TOTS	6.25

MEXICAN FOOD

SMOTHERED BURRITO 10.50 FILLED WITH GROUND BEEF & BEAN.

SMOTHERED IN GREEN CHILI & TOPPED CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATO.

9.00 **TACOS**

3 HARD TACOS FILLED WITH GROUND BEEF & TOPPED WITH LETTCE, CHEESE & TOMATO.

10.75 MEXICAN HAMBURGER

A FLOUR TORTILLA WRAPPED AROUND A HAMBURGER PATTY & BEANS SMOTHERED IN GREEN CHILI & TOPPED CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATO.

TACO SALAD 11.00

LETTUCE, REFRIED BEANS, GROUND BEEF, CHEDDAR CHEESE, TOMATOES & SOUR CREAM, SERVED IN A TACO BOWL WITH SALSA.

A-LA-CART

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DINNER SALAD	5.00
BOWL OF SOUP	5.50
CUP OF SOUP	4.50
CUP OF CHILI W/TORTILLA	5.50
QUART OF GREEN CHILI	14.00
SIDE OF SOUR CREAM	1.00
BACON (2 SLICES)	2.00
DRESSING SIDE	.50
RANCH, BLUE CHEESE, ITALIAN, HONEY MUSTARD, 1000 ISLAND, CAESAR	(

2.50







EVERY OTHER MONTH (EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS) Blood Drive for the Arvada Community Blood Drive - every other month 3rd Monday 11 a.m - 3:30 p.m

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