



# AMERICAN LEGION



## Wilmore Richter Post 161

6230 W. 60th Ave. Arvada, CO 80003 - (303) 424-0324 - October 2024 - Volume 61, Issue 10

Website: [www.alp161arvada.org](http://www.alp161arvada.org) - Facebook: [AmericanLegionPost161](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost161)

### AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

#### RON NELSON COMMANDER



October 2024 Newsletter

Hello 161, The autumn leaves are now falling and the first day of spring isn't until March 20<sup>th</sup>, 170 days away. Now that's Optimism and it will keep us smiling!

Being Optimistic for our Republic is becoming more and more difficult every day. Another attempt on a presidential candidate is not acceptable! May these destructive Bastards root in hell!!!

Good news, we have our new lounge chairs, and thanks to a generous donation we also have 5 tall lounge tables and 20 stools to go with them. Certainly, a nice clean look around our post.

One more thing of good news: we now have a VSO (Veterans service officer) working with our Veterans with their VA claims. He came to us from the Marine Corps league seeking information about the legion VSO program. Well as it turns out he now is a Legionnaire and a member of our pos!

VSO Cary Kern USMC (Ret) ([cdkern@comcast.com](mailto:cdkern@comcast.com)). Drop him a note and he will get back to you.

7 October was the start of Operation Enduring Freedom 2001, 13th US Navy's Birthday, 14th Columbus Day, 23rd Beirut Bombing 1993, 25th Grenada Invasion 1993, 28th National First Responders Day, 31st BOOOOOOOOO, it's Halloween!!

#### EDWARD C BYERS, JR. DETAILS

- RANK: CHIEF (HIGHEST RANK: MASTER CHIEF)
- CONFLICT/ERA: WAR ON TERRORISM (AFGHANISTAN)
- UNIT/COMMAND:
- U.S. NAVY SEALS
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. NAVY
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: DECEMBER 8 - 9, 2012
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: QARGHAHYI DISTRICT OF LAGHMAN, AFGHANISTAN

#### CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Hostage Rescue Force Team Member in Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from 8 to 9 December 2012. As the rescue force approached the target building, an enemy sentry detected them and darted inside to alert his fellow captors. The sentry quickly reemerged, and the lead assaulter attempted to neutralize him. Chief Byers with his team sprinted to the door of the target building. As the primary breacher, Chief Byers stood in the doorway fully

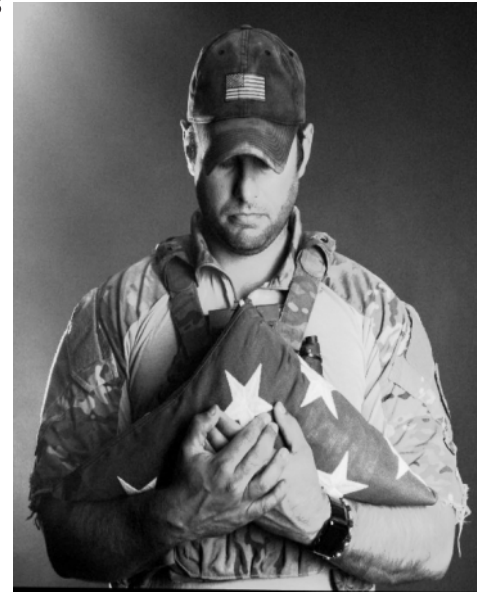


exposed to enemy fire while ripping down six layers of heavy blankets fastened to the inside ceiling and walls to clear a path for the rescue force. T

he first assaulter pushed his way through the blankets, and was mortally wounded by enemy small arms fire from within. Chief Byers, completely aware of the imminent threat, fearlessly rushed into the room and engaged an enemy guard aiming an AK-47 at him. He then tackled another adult males who had darted towards the corner of the room.

During the ensuing hand-to-hand struggle, Chief Byers confirmed the man was not the hostage and engaged him. As other rescue team members called out to the hostage, Chief Byers heard a voice respond in English and raced toward it. He jumped atop the American hostage and shielded him from the high volume of fire within the small room. While covering the hostage with his body, Chief Byers immobilized another guard with his bare hands, and restrained the guard until a teammate could eliminate him.

His bold and decisive actions under fire saved the lives of the hostage and several of his teammates. By his undaunted courage, intrepid fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of near certain death, Chief Petty Officer Byers reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. .



### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- ACCREDITED TO: BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO
- PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: FEBRUARY 29, 2016 THE WHITE HOUSE BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
- BORN: MAY 4, 1979, TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, OH, UNITED STATES

## HELEN MUSKOPF - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



**Another month has gone by.** We are now almost in October and before we know it the snow will be flying.

**The Riders will be doing turkeys again** so watch for the sign up sheet on the bar room door. Each entity is working very hard to make sure they keep events going to keep members interested. Watch for the dinners, breakfasts and much more.

**The new chairs are here** and being used along with some new pub tables. They are all very nice. The Auxiliary will be doing their rock and wine glass painting in October so it will be fun to see what everyone does. Stay tuned for many new things in the works. If anyone has a suggestion, please say so to any of the officers. It is your post.

**Congratulations Cindy Routon** for being our Volunteer of the Month for August. Wonder who will win in September?

**Our next meeting is October 10.** The Riders will be starting up their soup and chili on October 10. Come to our monthly meeting & see what's next or just say hi.

## HELEN MUSKOPF - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Another month has gone by. We are now almost in October and before we know it the snow will be flying. The Riders will be doing turkeys again so watch for the sign up sheet on the bar room door. Each entity is working very hard to make sure they keep events going to keep members interested. Watch for the dinners, breakfasts and much more. The new chairs are here and being used along with some new pub tables. They are all very nice. The Auxiliary will be doing their rock and wine glass painting in October so it will be fun to see what everyone does. Stay tuned for many new things in the works. If anyone has a suggestion please say so to any of the officers. It is your post. Congratulations Cindy Routon for being our Volunteer of the Month for August. Wonder who will win in September? Our next meeting is October 10. The Riders will be starting up their soup and chili on October 10. Come to our monthly meeting & see what's next or just say hi.

## ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy October to all Post members. Wow did summer go fast or what? Hope everybody was able to enjoy the summer.

The S.A.L. would like to thank all the donors, volunteers, golfers, helpers and the American Legion Post 161. Our 20th annual golf tournament was a hit. Mary Flail won our 50/50 cash raffle this year. Team 1a came in last place and was awarded a 3 foot "Last Place" trophy. Everybody had fun and we are getting ready for next year already. Thank you everybody from the S.A.L. It was great.

Members, it's time for the 2025 dues for only \$35.00. Please update any changes of names, cell #s, addresses and e-mails. Watch out in October for our famous Joker burgers again. We broke our record of record of sales last month

so that's telling you something. We do To Go orders also so watch out for the day and time.

The S.A.L. would like to welcome our 4 new members from last month.

S.A.L. meetings are the 2nd Thursdays of the month at 6pm at the Post. We need Members to show up and be part of our great organization,

Give out some candy to the young kids to bring a smile to their face this month.

Troops hurry home and stay safe.



**WINNER GETS \$25  
BAR TAB AND THE  
COVETED GOLDEN  
TOILET TROPHY!**

# BOB'S TOILET CHALLENGE!

**SAVE YOUR TOILET PAPER TUBES! JUDGING WILL  
BE IN OCTOBER ON A DATE TBA. PUT AS MANY  
TUBES AS POSSIBLE INTO ONE TUBE. MUST BE  
INTACT (NO CUTTING.) LET'S BREAK THE RECORD!**



## New Members

**John Flanigan - AF, Vietnam**  
**Rocky Morales - USMC, GWT**

## Donations

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

## Total Membership

**Quota: 640 - 2025: 322 - % of Goal 50.31%**

## 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

Phil Saba  
 Ray Mayer  
 Bill Jackson  
 Brian Messer  
 Roger Divis  
 Automatic BOG: Ron Nelson  
 Automatic BOG: Dave Edwards

### 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

## Daily Drawing

8/20	Patricia Legge	\$254.25
8/21	Mary Vigil	\$260.25
8/22	Angela Gardner	\$267.25
8/23	Richard Smidt	\$273.75
8/24	Terry Blevins	\$282.75
8/25	Brian Auburn	\$289.75
8/26	Richard Lovas	\$296.75
8/27	David Novak	\$303.25
8/28	Terry Vossenkempe	\$308.75
8/29	Dennis Cec	\$313.75
8/30	Micke Nelson	\$321.00
8/31	Gregory Mowery	\$330.75
9/1	Judy Orr	\$341.50
9/2	Dennis Doye	\$349.75
9/3	Josh Dabraak	\$358.00
9/4	Maxine Jojola	\$363.75
9/5	Judy Karg	\$372.50
9/6	Toby Espinoza	\$380.00
9/7	Jerry Dirks	\$390.00
9/8	Frank Nowakowski	\$400.00
9/9	Gregory Campbell	\$409.25
9/10	Payten Froid	\$417.00
9/11	Richard Hicks	\$424.00
9/12	Donald Braddock	\$430.50
9/13	David Pohlman	\$440.50
9/14	David Casias	\$450.00
9/15	Annette Monson	\$455.75
9/16	Allen Brink	\$462.75
9/17	Theresa Breazeale	\$469.50
9/18	Shelly Burke	\$475.50
9/19	James Peterson	\$480.00
9/20	Aubrey Lewerton	\$492.25
9/21	Julie King	\$503.50
9/22	Donald Fox	\$512.00

# October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ACTIVITY MEETING 6pm Retired Peace Officers 12 pm	2  DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN	3 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am	4 BEST LUNCH IN TOWN 	5  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
6 8-11 am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 am	7  Scouts 6:00pm	8 BOG 6:00 pm	9 Sub Vets 7:00 pm	10 Friendship Lunch 11:00 am Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	12  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
13 8-11 am BREAKFAST! NAVY BIRTHDAY  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 am	14  Scouts 6:00pm	15 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	16 Purple Heart Vets 6:15	17 Coopers Troopers 11 am	18  BEST LUNCH IN TOWN	19  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
20 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	21 BLOOD DRIVE  11 am - 3:30 pm  Scouts 6:00pm	22 Legion Riders 6pm	23 BEST LUNCH IN TOWN 	24  DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN	25  VISIT THE POST!	26  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
27 8-11 am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 am	28  Scouts 6:00pm	29 BEST LUNCH IN TOWN 	30	31 Halloween 		





# THANK YOU!

The Sons of the American Legion Post 161 would like to say thank you for your generous support and sponsorship for our 20th annual charity golf tournament on September 14th 2024 at Lake Arbor Golf Course.

Because of your generosity along with the participation of 108 golfers and numerous volunteers, our Tournament raised a record amount of money for our charities:

**Children's Welfare Foundation** - This foundation provides non profit organizations with grants to educate the public about the care and welfare of children nationally.

**Ginny's Kids International** - A local Arvada based organization whose purpose is to help make the dreams and wishes of terminally ill children come true.



## THE GIVING BOX

**PLEASE GIVE  
DON'T TAKE!**

Donations are for our young active-duty troops, E 5 and below at Fort Carson & others deployed around the world!

**CONTACT: 161 AUXILIARY FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



# BLOOD DRIVE

**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**

## Bob's

Heating & Air Conditioning

**(303) 424-3217**

*Discount for Veterans*

*Family Owned and Operated since 1969*

<https://www.bobsheatingac.com>

## Good Plumbing Service Co

**303-455-4307**

**Greg Barbero**

Complete Plumbing Service - Parts - Repair - Remodel  
Residential & Commercial

5401 W. 48th Ave. Denver, Co. 80212

[goodplumbingservice@msn.com](mailto:goodplumbingservice@msn.com)



## APPLIANCE WAREHOUSE

**6122 W 55th Ave - Arvada CO**

Open Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm

**(303) 431-2887**

[www.appliancewarehouseinc.com/](http://www.appliancewarehouseinc.com/)

Email: [broncorobert@gmail.com](mailto:broncorobert@gmail.com)

Serving the Denver area since 1984



## SERVPRO OF Greater Boulder

**Phone: 303-494-2000**

*Restoration and Cleaning Services - Residential and Commercial Services  
(Water Damage, Fire Damage, Mold, Construction & Cleaning)*

- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- The #1 Choice in Cleanup and Restoration\*
- Advanced Restoration Technology and Cleaning Techniques
- Faster to any size disaster™



**HORAN & McCONATY**  
FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION

Cremation - Burial - Pre - Planning

Compassionate - Professional

Office 303-327-7220 Fax 303-327-7227

Horan Cares.com For Immediate Support 303-745-4418

**Renae Aspden**

Independent Agent

Auto and Home Insurance Specialist

**Aspden Insurance Agency**

Phone 303.818.5593

P.O. Box 526

Fax: 303.963.5033

Eastlake, CO 80614

[renae@aspdenagency.com](mailto:renae@aspdenagency.com)

## DOOR & GATE SERVICE COMPANY

**Bob Fox**

President

P.O. Box 6392

Broomfield, CO 80021

303-885-4505

[bobfox@carriagehousedoorsofcolorado.com](mailto:bobfox@carriagehousedoorsofcolorado.com)



*Custom Printed*

**T-SHIRTS**

**Also: Signs, Vehicle Graphics, Pens, Stickers  
Tote Bags, Matchbooks, Kooleys, and More...**

**Call Joker: 303-519-8968**



# BLOOD DRIVE



10/21 - 11am-3:30pm

**POST MEMBER  
CHARLENE ORR HAS  
BEEN DONATING BLOOD  
SINCE SHE WAS 19 AND  
AS OF THIS YEAR SHE  
HAS DONATED  
OVER 45 GALLONS!**



## DINING ROOM RENTAL

**American Legion  
Wilmore-Richter Post 161**

**OUR MEETING/ DINING  
HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR  
RENTAL FOR WEDDINGS,  
BIRTHDAYS,  
ANNIVERSARIES AND  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
FOR \$75 PER HOUR OR  
\$700 PER DAY. MUST BE  
A MEMBER OF POST 161**

**To reserve the Hall, please call  
Kathy at 303-424-0324 Mon-Fri**



## LUNCH AT POST 161!

A fast food combination meal is about the same price as a meal and a soft drink at Post 161, But the Post 161 meal is prepared hot and fresh to order and served on a plate rather than in a paper bag. Also, when you eat lunch at the Post, your dollars support the American Legion. And with our extensive lunch menu and Daily Specials, we have what you're hungry for. Come in for lunch every weekday from 11 until 2:30.



**Jonathan  
Marcantonio**

President & CEO

720-222-2621

5960 Jay St ste A.  
Arvada, CO 80003

jonathan@yourneighbors.net

www.yourneighbors.net

DOT# 3965077

MC# 1479902

**MMMT Welding**  
Molten-Metal-Manipulating-Technician  
"MMMMM TEE" WELDING  
Call "Willie" 303-589-5697

121 Canyon Vista Lane  
Morrison Colorado 80465

