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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Gregory Smith

As I sit and look at the beauty of Colorado and Colorado Springs, I continue to know why I chose the Centennial Post as a place to call "home." I enjoy the diversity in the post; love the view; and the vision for the future. In working with the members and volunteers, we are working hard to achieve our membership goal for the year. We are closing in on our goal of 966 members. Help us get there by talking with veterans or family members of veterans and asking them to join. Keeping membership fresh, is how we help veterans and develop a voice to change services for our veterans. Over the last year, I have seen Centennial Post 209 members support veterans and their families. It has involved time, caring, assistance, and mentorship. As the Commander, I am proud of you as members and as members of the community. The Centennial Post continues to be the model American Legion and a great example of a Legion Family. Thank you.

As Post 209 continues to meet the needs of our veterans and their families, we need to develop a means to stay financially sound. We are in need of creating ways to bringing revenue into the post. There are several ideas on the table and I am asking that each of us as members and leaders get involved. You can volunteer at the post during our evening meals and Saturday's General Membership breakfast; you can purchase items from the merchandise store at the post; you can buy raffle tickets, pull tabs, and 50/50 drawing tickets; and you can submit monthly donations through PayPal. The latter is simple and helps you provide for a veteran and their family each month. Log onto our website: Americanlegioncoloradosprings.org. You can use the "Pledge your Support Today" on the left side of the screen. You do not have to have a PayPal account. Just go in as a guest. We would be grateful for your contribution and we can continue our mission: Helping Veterans and their families.



The planning is underway for the upcoming Department Convention. It will be June 25-28, 2015 at the Elegante Hotel. The registration fee is FREE. There are some 13 committees that need your help. You can help in the beginning stages or at the end stages. We must have your help. This is our chance to demonstrate to the Department of Colorado and the other American Legion posts in the state, "we care about our veterans and their families." The Convention is an opportunity to meet other members and see how other posts help veterans. It is also a time to learn about the American Legion and what we can do as a Legion Family within the Centennial Post. The greater the knowledge, the more opportunities we have in being successful in helping veterans and their families. Please look at your schedule and see how you can support this event and be a representative of the Centennial Post 209. It is, too, when the elections come about for the Department of Colorado, American Legion. Help others, in the community, become a member and have the same opportunity to experience the American Legion and our Legion Family.

April is the month for elections at the Centennial Post 209. I have enjoyed being entrusted with the leadership of the post and hope to continue with this duty. I am proud of our members and the services we provide to our members and those in the community. I want to remain in this position and support the mission of the Centennial Post. I see this role involving opportunities, to help grow the Centennial Post, to help veterans, develop more events and activities for our members and their families, and to establish new ways to help create financial stability within the Centennial Post. Help me with this vision through your support, suggestions, membership, and mentorship.

If you have a family member, spouse or partner who is not a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, or American Legion Riders, please get with one of our officers or myself. I would be proud to help them learn about the Centennial Post, answer their questions, and welcome them to the post Legion Family.



Auxiliary President Kari Ann Smith

Well the year is under way. We all had a great time and learned a ton at the mid year Department Conference, hosted at the Elegante Hotel. The new Department website has several new offerings that will keep us all up to date. When you have time, you should look at it. We are also heading into Girls State season. Linda has graciously offered to chair our Girls State Committee and has already had several Juniors from District 20 schools, call and inquire. We will be doing interviews for those young ladies, soon.

We have been in deep discussions about the state of the Legion and what we can do as Auxiliary members to help with the finances. We formed a committee in January with Jackie Burd as the chair. They are discussing not only fundraising opportunities, but also ways that bills can be cut to bring in more money. Jackie and the committee have come up with some great ideas on what can be done. The committee has suggested that we do a pledge drive for monthly member donations, possibly look at increasing our membership dues, and create a budget. I will keep you all in the loop as some decisions are made. Even if you do not belong to the committee, your ideas are welcome! Please come to the next meeting to discuss these and other ideas. Your presence, experience and opinions are extremely helpful.

Lastly, we are in preparation for the yearly Department Convention occurring in June, also at the Elegante Hotel. We are the host post, so we are in charge of several details of the convention. We have already begun meeting and breaking out into our committees, so if you are interested in helping, please contact me so that we can get you signed up! This will be a huge fundraiser for us as well as an opportunity to show everyone what the Post 209 family is all about! We hope that you will help.

Our next meeting, is March 14th at 10:00 a.m. Please come and have breakfast before hand, at 9:00. Remember to look at the calendar for the various dinners that the post hosts. It is a great time with great food and great friends!

Thank you for all of the support you give the Legion, Auxiliary and our troops!

BUTTER BRAIDS

The Auxiliary is selling Butter Braids from now until March 20th. If you would like an order form or would like to place an order you can contact Jackie Bowen at jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com or 719-574-1223. They will also have an order form at the monthly dinners that we have between now and the 20th and also at the monthly meeting on the 14th.

Thanks for your support of the Post Auxiliary.

Marvin Weaver



The American Legion Postal Competition for Young Guns Junior Shooting Sports, Post 209, was held on Wednesday, December 10th, 2014. Official results are now in and can be reviewed online by opening Region 10 at the following link: <http://www.orionresults.com/team/MatchPage.aspx?MatchID=1.2002.545149597.1> We didn't win our region but did very well in both team and individual categories.

Good job Shooters!

The Young Guns Junior Shooting Sports program got under way for the first class of the season on 11 February, 2015. The class was held at American Legion Centennial Post 209 in Colorado Springs. The class is full, with 12 students attending.

Ken Taylor started off the nights instruction with Intro, Overview, and general house-keeping for the class, followed by General Safety, having students read and sign the Safety Pledge.

Rusty Bower then introduced some of the equipment used in shooting sports.

Next up was Bill Weeks, featuring Gun Safety and Range Commands. He was followed by Jesse Wade who rounded out the night with Operation of the Air Rifle and Mental Training. The importance of Safety was stressed by each Instructor.



It is great to see so many enthusiastic students ready to learn safe gun handling and three position Air Rifle marksmanship!



From The Commander Centennial Squadron 209

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

This is the American Creed and it is something that I believe in without any caveats or conditions. If more people followed and believed in this and not their own self-importance this Country would be in so much better condition. Our veterans would not have to fight again after they come home for what they deserve, it would be given willingly. The American Legion could redirect its efforts to other equally great endeavors like getting all POW/MIA's home as well as all the other great things the American Legion does.

The people of this Nation used to stand up for the United States and be proud that it was their home whether they were born here or they adopted America as their new home. They never put another country above their home or apologized for being American. I would love to see the people of the United States bring this country back by being proud to be an American and living by the words of this creed.

I know that all of the American Legion believes in this and it is our duty to live by and promote this so that we can keep our country strong and make it better for all Americans.

For God and Country
Rick Kettering

Reservations and RSVP go to Jackie Bowen (574-1223) jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com or Kariann Smith (520-784-3193) kariannsmith@me.com

Junior Vice Commander Eric Testorff

As a member of the Sons of the American Legion, I sometimes wonder about the wartime service of my dad, Richard Testorff. Dad almost never spoke of the War in the Pacific around us kids, although I know he was at times in the thick of it. He had friends from high school who didn't make it back, and I would sometimes think that he would rather just forget the whole thing.

Dad was a Gunners Mate on LST 123. LST was short for "Landing Ship, Tank". The original idea for these ships derived from the British. The evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940 demonstrated to the Admiralty that the Allies needed relatively large, ocean-going ships that could handle shore-to-shore delivery of tanks and other vehicles in amphibious assaults. This idea eventually materialized as the LST, a large ship that could run right to the beach and open the bow door. A ramp was then extended to quickly unload the hold.



As a gunners mate, Dad was trained on the considerable armament of an LST: There was a 3-in (76 mm) gun, six 40 mm Bofors guns, six 20 mm guns, two .50 cal machine guns, and four .30 cal machine guns. Dad's battle station was at the twin '40's, which, I believe, put him up at the bow.



LST-123 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater, and earned three battle stars: The Marianas operation: Capture and occupation of Guam-July 1944; the Leyte landings-October 1944; and the Lingayen landings in Luzon-January 1945. The Pacific War ended in August, and on 15 September, 1945, she was re-designated LSTH-123, (hospital ship), and

performed occupation duty in the Far East until mid-November.

Dad's ship was decommissioned on 22 March, 1946, and finally sold for scrap in 1948. Were he and his mates sad about their old ship's demise? I can't say for sure. Was he proud of his service and of the 123? He never did say, but there is one lasting clue: When it came time to name my oldest brother, who was born in December of 1946, Dad made sure his initials were: "L.S.T."

The Centennial Post 209 Honor Guard will present colors at the Outdoor living Expo on Saturday March 15, 2015 at 10 AM. This will be held at the Rustic Hills Event Center located at Academy and Palmer Park Boulevard.



American Legion Post 209
Judge Advocate
Chuck Zeitvogel

Computer Challenges

Question: What does Manila, The Philippines, and Boca Raton, Florida have in common? Answer: these are the two locations one gets referred to when calling for computer tech support, at least that has been my experience. Those who I have spoken with have been extremely courteous, spoke the English language extremely well, were highly knowledgeable, and overall tried to help with my computer issues. Why then have these contacts been so frustrating?

It's having to call because you're out of your element when it comes to computers; There is the challenge of getting through, when calling for help, and getting someone who understands my novice situation and is sympathetic to the computer challenges I'm having.

Here's my situation: I have "Microsoft XP Home Edition" on my desktop Gateway PC which I've had for ten or more years. And, it was being used mostly for e-mailings and various reports and letters over the years. Occasionally and then more frequently messages would pop up indicating Microsoft would soon stop supporting the XP Home Edition and to back up; files, etc., etc. Messages that for the most part were ignored and then one morning in November when nothing happened when I went to sign on to check e-mail and do some reports. The warnings came true and I offered up a few silent choice thoughts and finally accepted the fact that I needed a new computer.

I had heard that Microsoft 8.1 was the latest operating system and best way to go when buying a new computer and I decided on getting a lap-top PC without all the wires associated with a desktop, be mobile, and not take up a lot of room. And with that I purchased new HP laptop for a little over \$500.00. It was a nice one, enclosed in a red case with red keys on the keyboard and had a touch screen to move information about, and had more capacity than I needed at the time. After getting it home and out of the box I looked for an instruction book but there was not one. What I learned was that you had to sign on and open the program to access the instructions. Problem was how to sign on when the system did not recognize my e-mail address or pass words. And then, the red keys that looked good in the display model seemed small for my fingers I typed on the keys.

So, I ended up returning that computer for a refund and bought a basic Toshiba laptop for just over \$300.00, black in color, with larger keys, and less capacity but still with the Microsoft 8.1 operating system same as the HP had I felt like it would serve my purposes well. I'm still dealing with a learning curve and frustrations of how to use the Toshiba and 8.1 operating system, signing on to access the instructions. Fortunately, son-in-law in Lakewood helped me over Thanksgiving as well as another tech savvy son-in-law from Fort Worth helped over the Christmas Holidays.

And, still I called for tech support for the desk-top and reached those computer tech folks who settled in Boca Raton, Florida. We spent hours upon hours and their taking control of my desk-top to bring it back to life. I reached them when the AOL customer service lady told me I had AOL insurance with them for service up to \$750.00 and gave me a number to call. And - Yes, there they were - from Manila, The Philippines and Boca Raton, Florida. The AOL insurance did not cover their work, but they assist me for a price. It was \$399.00 for their tech support. Which they said they would be there for me and my desk-top and lap-top for three years. I bit the bullet - paid the price and hope the tech support is there when next needed.

My thought now is that our American Legion Post 209 might have some computer savvy members who would be willing to offer their services to members who are stymied when using computers. If you are one of the gifted ones, with computer background, please make it known. Perhaps we might arrange for classes within our Post facilities where you could provide informal guidance for those of us need help when it comes to computers. Think about it - Legionnaires helping Legionaries and no more calls to The Philippines or Boca Raton, Florida for help with computer questions.

The election of Post Officers is coming soon and all members are encouraged to participate. Please contact the nominating chairman, Ken Taylor, if you are interested in running for any position. I can be contacted at 719-761-4047 or email adjutantsal209@gmail.com. All positions are voted annually during our April membership meeting, with the exception of the Service Officer and Judge Advocate, which is appointed by the Commander-elect. We will also vote on members for the Board of Trustees during the April meeting.

Roles and Responsibilities of Officers

Commander: You are entrusted with the supervision of the duties of all other Officers of the Post. You are the presiding Officer at all meetings and you must familiarize yourself with the policies and traditions of your Post and The American Legion.

Adjutant: Also known as the "First Sergeant." You are the Secretary of the Post. Post activities will revolve around you. The Adjutant is the Post personnel officer; maintains membership records, minutes of meetings, checks up and assists with the work of the other Officers and Committees. You publish official orders; announcements and instructions.

Senior Vice Commander: Your primary concern is membership. No Post can survive with out good membership. You should also be familiar with ceremonial protocols for regular meetings. A Vice Commander must be ready to fill in for the Commander upon a moment's notice.

Junior Vice Commander: You must be ready to promote your Post. The Commander will depend on you to provide programs that spice up the meetings and attract attendance. You should contact other Veteran and civic organizations so that each patriotic holiday and observance receives the attention it deserves. You are concerned with the pageantry of the Legion. You should also be concerned with the welfare of all fellow Veterans as well as with Veteran's affairs and rehabilitation committees.

Finance Officer: You will serve as chair of the Finance Committee and will be in charge of all receiving and disbursing of Post funds. You will work closely with the Post Adjutant in all matters relating to the finances of your Post.

Service Officer: You should be a dedicated person and should have a deep interest in fellow Veterans, the Post and the community. You are responsible for bringing to the attention of all Veterans and their dependents the rights and benefits granted to them by law. You must know how to utilize the expert services available through Legion channels as well as through local agencies. You should be ready to visit dependents upon a death of a service member. You may be called upon to serve as chair of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee as well as working with children and youth committees or making hospital visitations. Appointed by the Commander-elect.

Chaplain: You must be a person capable of moral and intellectual leadership. You work closely with all other Officers of the Post. You should attend all meetings of the Post and Executive Committee. You should be ready to officiate when requested, at funerals of members. The Chaplain must also be ready to provide service to bereaved families of Post members.

Sergeant-at-Arms: You should know how to arrange the meeting hall, assist the Post Commander and Adjutant. You are the custodian of the Colors and in charge of Colors details during the presentation and retirement ceremonies. You should know how to display flags and their proper presentation. You are also responsible for maintaining order at all meetings.

Historian: You have the responsibility of preserving and compiling the records/photos (specifically through our Scrapbook and website) of our Post. You should try to attend Department Conventions and keep in touch with other Post Historians. [You are only encouraged to attend, not required.]

Post Executive Committeeman: You are a voting member of the Post Executive Committee, which is entrusted with the government and management of the Post. You shall be responsible to represent the interests of the general membership to the Executive Committee.

Judge Advocate: You will supply professional advice in the conducting of the Post business or to procure proper counsel. You are the interpreter of the Constitution and By-Laws of our Post. You may be asked to assist in auditing Post financial accounts. Appointed by the Commander-elect.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

Chuck Zeitvogel

Following are key points of contacts listed in a recent notice from United States Congressman Doug Lamborn. Please share this information with veterans you might know.

El Paso County Veterans Service Office

5850 Champion View, Suite 130
Colorado Springs, CO 80922
(719) 520-7750

Disabled American Veterans

660 Southpointe Court, Suite 316
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
(719) 785-4164
dav.cosprings@gmail.com

Pikes Peak Workforce Center Veterans Employment

1675 Garden of the Gods Road, Suite 1107
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
(719) 667-3700

Peak Military Care Network

1259 Lake Plaza Drive, Suite 250
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
2-1-1 or (719) 955-0742

Wounded Warrior Program

1 South Nevada Ave, Suite 205
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719) 377-9491
Colorado Springs Veterans Service Center
602 South Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719)471-9992

Rocky Mountain Human Services Military & Veterans Programs

24S. Weber Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(855) 838-7428

Dale A. Anderson, Military Veterans Liaison Office of Congressman Doug Lamborn

1125 Kelly Johnson Blvd/, Suite 330
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
(719) 355-7560
Dale.Anderson@mail.house.gov

This is not an all-inclusive list for veterans seeking assistance when transiting to civilian life. It is a starter list to build on and one to keep for reference. I would certainly add the new Colorado Springs VA Outpatient Clinic located at 3141 Centennial Boulevard as a place for veterans to visit. It houses a wide array of medical services.



Motorcycle Minute

Andrew Gilbert

ALR President Post 209

March is here. Alas spring is in the air. Right? It must mean that we are about to get into riding weather. The only thing IS, **we** have been riding throughout the winter. My brother came in January and could not believe that it would snow one day and we could ride the next day. That is the beauty of living in Colorado Springs. How's that weather in New England?

It's great that we had the opportunity to ride this winter in support of Post 2008 American Legion Riders in Falcon. We had a great time while logging quite a few miles. It was great riding out to Falcon and then to Elizabeth for lunch. When we stopped at the restaurant, we found that they did not have enough staff to handle our orders. Rather than moving on to another restaurant, a few people took it upon themselves to help by taking lunch orders for the cook. It may have been a little slow serving all of us, but it gave us time to get to know each other a little better.

Last Saturday we enjoyed lunch at Rocky Mountain Brewery and B'z BBQ Co. They have been wonderful supporters of quite a few events for us and it was nice to let them know that we appreciate them.

March 7th may actually be warm enough to ride. I really love the fact that we will have a chance to support different post but also the McCandless State Veterans home. Funds generated last year really let these veterans know that we really care. As one of the veteran home caretakers said "Many stayed outside just to hear the motorcycles roar up the main road". I didn't have the heart to tell her that they didn't hear me since I was driving my Honda. We melted into the crowd and got to listen to great stories. At the conclusion, more funds were collected to help get a cool Popcorn machine. Everyone had a great time.

This Biker Ball which starts at 6 pm at post 38 Saturday night will be even bigger than last year. \$15 per person/ \$20 per couple. This event is getting larger every year. I want to thank everyone who is helping to make this event successful. There will be lots of raffle items and a 50/50 raffle. Food and fun will be part of what we do.

Speaking of great ALR events, we are going to have a great Hawaiian ALR dinner on the 13th of March. I was talking to Lino about the last time they fed us. As many of you know I have 9 other brothers and a sister. These guys make you feel like family when they are with them. We will still need volunteers to help us support this event.

Anyone who thinks that we are slowing down because of the weather, Watch us. Join us and enjoy life.

Andrew Gilbert, President
ALR Post 209

CHAPLAIN REPORT

March 2015

As March gets here, we must all think not only of Saint Patrick's Day but more importantly, Lenten Sunday's. The whole month of March is Lenten Sunday's. I hope that you did not make a resolution that you could not keep. March has many more things happening: like the first day of Spring, day light saving time, and Saint Patrick day. The most important Sunday will be Palm Sunday, March 29th.

I pray that all of you will be going to church and praying for all of our service men and women who are not at home, keeping our home front safe. We all know what it is like for many of us have gone through it ourselves. We need to pray for the families and loved ones that were left behind, for there is a void in their life now. They will need all of our help in trying to make their lives make sense to them. Lend a helping hand when you can or if the situation comes to you.

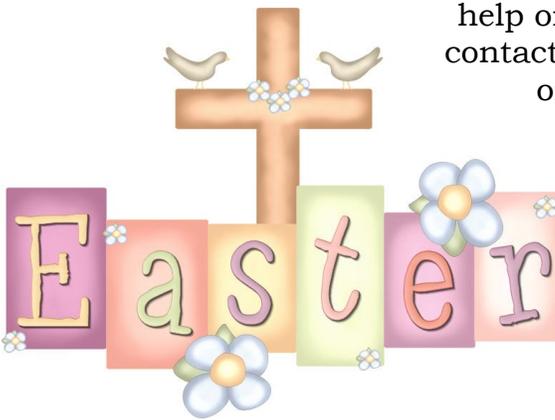
And in closing I have three words for all of you: GO TO CHURH!!! AMEN!!!
Pastor Stan

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

April 4th, 2015 at 2pm

5 Years old and under will be inside
6-12 years old will be outside

Open to Members and their families. Volunteers are needed to hide eggs. If you're able to help or have questions, please contact Kari Ann @ (520) 784-3193 or kariannsmith@me.com.



Department of Colorado Convention

Volunteers and committees are needed. Get involved and learn how the American Legion can help veterans.

June 25-28, Elegante Hotel
Discount room rates are available.



Bringing a Little South to the West **Immediate Past Post Commander Jay Bowen**

When I was growing up many people in the South believed in Corporal Punishment (a.k.a. a whoopin'). While I certainly had my fair share of visits to the "tool shed," I guess if I was being honest I would tell you every single one was deserved. Matter of fact, there were MANY times I should have gotten spanked and didn't. I don't know what spared the rod in those instances, but was always glad when it happened. A few of them I remember even today.

Probably the one that revisits me the most is the time I got a whoopin' from my Mother's Father, or Paw Paw. He was a devout Pentecost and had the patience of Job. He was almost 5' tall and about as big around. He was jovial, and more of a kid than I ever was. He only spanked me and my brother once as I recall. We were visiting them on their Arkansas farm and lit out one Spring morning to the gravel pit nearby. We took his .22 rifle and a box of his shells. The gravel pit was much fun and offered young boys hours of stuff to do, with something different each time we visited. This one morning we arrived at the pond in the "pit" and saw several bull frogs along the water's edge. They were huge, croaking so loud I think my grandparents could hear them a mile away! The ledge on which we stood watching the frogs was about 20' above the water. Back in the day, my brother Eddie (I just call him Bubba) and I were pretty good shots. We had a blast (pun intended) shooting the frogs in and along the water, and in no time shot up the entire box of .22 shells. After playing around a while longer we returned to our Grandparent's home. Paw Paw, noticing the box was empty, asked what we had found so interesting that we depleted his .22 shells. We told him of our great hunting expedition and how successful we were ridding the gravel pit of so many deadly predators. He looked around, checked our backs and ground around us, then asked where we had stashed our kill for the day. We explained we didn't bring them back, we just shot them and left them there. Now you should understand this is a man who farmed his entire life. He was a sharecropper, or as we used to say he "worked for the other fella." He never made enough money to actually own the acreage to farm for himself. It was all he could do to buy a farmhouse. The money he and my grandmother made from farming was just enough to pay the bills and buy seed for the next crop. So when Bubba and I broke the news that while we were the "Great White Hunters," not bringing home the game was unforgiveable. I remember my Paw Paw getting rid of a dog because he would not hunt, he didn't bark when strangers arrived, and he was not aggressive. This added up to a dog that didn't have a job, and my grandfather didn't have available resources to keep anything or anybody around that didn't "earn their keep." So the dog had to go. All of this came rushing back to me when my grandfather asked about the frogs. This kindly, gentle man looked sternly at us both and told us we had thrown away dinner for several days. It was too much for him, and we paid the price. My butt tingles even today when I think about it. I don't know if I was more hurt by the spanking, or letting down someone who I loved so dearly.

I guess my lesson from that day was that it doesn't really matter much what I think when visiting others and taking advantage of their cultures and traditions. I can either respect it or not go. I knew my grandparents ate Bull Frogs. I thought they tasted pretty good. I just wasn't thinking and didn't show proper respect. But you know what, I never hunted with my grandfather's gun after that without bringing home the "game." And I never got another whoopin' from him. Now I think I'll have some Frog Legs and think about Paw Paw and the gravel pits. More to come!



Post Officers 2014-2015

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Commander	Gregory Smith	520-784-3555
Sr. Vice Cdr	Lino Calica	719-963-0956
Jr. Vice Cdr	Eric Testorff	719-510-4177
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Finance Officer	Rusty Bower	719-649-0654
Chaplain	Stan Hamamoto	719-322-6959
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Historian	Rob Johnson	719-421-9201
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Service Officer	Lyle Hagelberg	719-594-4039
Judge Advocate	Chuck Zeitvogel	719-531-0546
Club Manager	Art Kimbrel	719-339-4610



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Sergeant-At-Arms	Becky Hall	719-231-0597
Historian	Pat Weaver	719-638-4763



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Sgt-At-Arms	Don Shuck	719-575-0539
Chaplain	Christopher Keith	719-382-7845
Historian	Eric Testorff	719-510-4177



ALR Officers 2014-2015

Office	Name	Telephone
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Secretary	John Duenas	719-291-9733
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Sgt-At-Arms	Lino Calica	719-963-0956
Road Captain	Mike Barger	719-290-3218



Centennial 209 Family Calendar of Events



2 Apr	Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm
3 Apr	Hamdogger 6:00 pm
10 Apr	ALR Pasta Dinner RSVP REQUIRED 6:00 pm "Brats and Sauerkraut"
11 Apr	General membership Breakfast 9:00am Legion/Auxiliary 10 am
17 Apr	Steak Night! 6:00 pm - RSVP REQUIRED
19 Apr	ALR Scheduled Ride--Franktown
24 Apr	Fish Fry 6:00 pm - RSVP REQUIRED
28 Apr	ALR General Membership Meeting (5:30 social hour) (6:30 meeting) SAL Membership Meeting (6:00)
1 May	Hamdogger
7 May	Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm
8 May	ALR Dinner Be a supporter of ALR - RSVP REQUIRED , BBQ Special
9 May	General membership Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary Meetings 10:00
15 May	Steak Night! 6:00 pm - RSVP REQUIRED
22 May	Fish Fry 6:00 pm - RSVP REQUIRED
26 May	ALR General Membership Meeting (5:30 social hour) (6:30 meeting) SAL Membership Meeting (6:00)
4 June	Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm
5 June	Hamdogger
12 June	ALR Dinner 6:00 pm
13 June	Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary Meetings 10:00
14 June	FLAG DAY!!! Flag Retirement Ceremony
19 June	Steak Night! 6:00 pm - RSVP REQUIRED
23 June	ALR General Membership Meeting (5:30 social hour) (6:30 meeting) SAL Membership Meeting (6:00)
26 May	ALR General Membership Meeting (5:30 social, 6:30 meeting) SAL Membership Meeting (6:00)
4 June	Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm
5 June	Hamdogger
12 June	ALR ???? Dinner
13 June	General membership Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary 10am
14 June	FLAG DAY!!! Flag Retirement Ceremony
19 June	Steak Night! 6:00 pm - RSVP REQUIRED
23 June	ALR General Membership Meeting (5:30 social, 6:30 meeting) SAL Membership Meeting (6:00)
25-28 June	Department Convention Elegante Hotel



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Butter Braids For Sale 	3	4	5 Executive Meeting 1830 hrs. 	6 Hamdogger 6 pm	7 Biker's Ball Post 38 McCandless Fund
8	9	10	11 Young Guns 1830 hrs 	12	13 ALR Dinner 6 pm "RSVP required" "Hawaiian" 	14 General Meeting Breakfast 9:00am Meeting Legion/Aux 
15	16 ALR Executive 1800 hrs	17	18 Young Guns 1830 hrs 	19	20 Steak Night 6 pm RSVP Required Last day for Butter 	21
22	23	24 ALR Monthly Meeting 1830 hrs. Social 1730 SAI Squadron 209 1800  	25 Young Guns 1830 hrs 	26	27 Fish Fry Night 6pm RSVP Required	28
29	30	31	1 Young Guns 1830 hrs 	2	3	4