

# The Centennial



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## From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Lino Calica

I would like to WELCOME all our new members and their families who have joined or transferred to the Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209 Legion family. Our 2019 membership is doing great, thanks all the members who talked to their families, friends and neighbors. As of February 17, our 2019 membership is at 975. This includes members who have renewed and also members who just joined our family here at Neal Thomas Centennial Post 209. We currently sit at 91% of the Department's Target goal of 1065.

Past Post Commander Mike Barger introduced ***Sponsor a Veteran Program***. This program gives us the opportunity to support and give back to our Veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam wars who live on a fixed income by renewing their membership. It has been very successful last 2 years. We were able to renew 44 members through donations and personal sponsorships. At our February 9<sup>th</sup> general meeting, we passed the hat and raised \$220.00 dollars. If you are interested in sponsoring a Veteran or participating, feel free to contact me or Adjutant Marvin Weaver Jr. The key to growth and success of our Post is to lead by example and to serve the needs of our Veterans and their families. I challenge each member to sign up one new member to the Post. Remember the 3R's: ***Recruit*** - New members ***Retain*** - Existing Members, ***Rebuild*** - For the Future.

Elections are coming in April. All positions to include Commander are up for nomination. If you have prior experience or even if you don't, but have a desire to serve, please put your nomination in for office. **"WE WILL NOT LET YOU FAIL"** is the leadership's famous quote for Post 209 new and upcoming leaders. If you are interested in running or nominating an individual for a position or multiple positions, please contact our election Chairperson Bill Burd at (719) 330-1279 or his email: [advisor1colo@yahoo.com](mailto:advisor1colo@yahoo.com).

To learn more about the American Legion, you can go to <https://www.legion.org/alei> and take Basic Training course. At the end of the course, there's a 40 question test you can take. All you need to do is get 31/40 correct. Once you complete the test, you will receive a certificate plus an opportunity to purchase a pin for only \$5.00. You will have a better understanding the history of The American Legion.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for The American Legion Riders, President - Steve Hayes, Vice President - Tim McDowell, Treasurer - Kellie Hayes, Mark Griffin - Sergeant at Arms, Road Captain - John Hanchek and Chaplain - John Coppedge. There still is an opening an opening for Secretary. I'd like to take this time to thank Grady Mitchell - President, and Amy Mitchell - Secretary for your time, dedication and hard work in providing great services to veterans in Post 209 and the community during the past year.

Just a reminder, March is Community Service Month. We will be recognizing the Anniversary of The American Legion on March 16<sup>th</sup> by hosting and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary with a Hawaiian Lu'au at Hotel Elegante. More information can be found at: [Legion209.org](http://Legion209.org). Please come out and support our Post at the Lu'au.

Every Friday night, Art Kimbrel, Jackie Bowen, Kellie Hayes, Cathy Barger and the rest of the staff provides a great dinner at the Post. Please RSVP on [Legion209.org](http://Legion209.org). Come on out and enjoy the fun.



## From the Adjutant

Marvin Weaver, Jr.

We have almost reached our quota for membership. We are only 100 members away from reaching our quota of 1,065 members. If you have not renewed yet please send in your renewal and as always don't forget to recruit new members.

Department still has the recruiting drive going that for every new member you recruit, you and the new member are entered into a drawing for \$100 to be drawn on the membership target dates. Once you have recruited 5 new members you will be entered into a drawing for a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership. This is a state-wide contest, and the most recent winner of the \$100 is our own Eric Testorff. Are you next?

District 7 Convention will be held at Post 38 on April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am. We will be electing new officers for the next Legion year. Please make every effort to attend the District Convention.

Our Post will host the Department Convention this year and with this we are able to sell ads for the Convention Book. Our Post gets to keep the money from the sale. If you have a business that you frequent or you own your own business, consider having an ad placed in the booklet to help out the Post. If you need more information about sizing or cost, please contact me and I will get the information to you.

## A Ham Radio Club is Coming To Post 209



Are you a Ham Radio operator? Do you want to learn how to be one and get licensed? If so, join us at Neal Thomas Jr.-Centennial Post 209 for our organizational meeting on Friday, 22 March at 5:00pm. We will discuss the steps needed to organize the club, and elect a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We are looking for members of The American Legion family (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons) who are licensed Ham Radio operators interested in creating a Post 209 Ham Radio group as well as members of the Legion family interested in learning about this great system and getting licensed. Our intent is to eventually align with the The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) at National Headquarters.

From [www.legion.org/hamradio](http://www.legion.org/hamradio): The American Legion has formed a special entity to provide a forum for military veterans who today are engaged in a hobby that can also provide emergency communications "when all else fails." During the May 2011 Spring Meetings, the National Executive Committee authorized the establishment of TALARC.

"The beauty of amateur radio is that it attracts folks of all career interests, from doctors, PhDs, engineers, rocket scientists to mechanics, housewives, construction and office workers, students and everything in between," says Robert L. Morrill, chairman of the Legion's Public Relations Commission. "Hams provide backup communications to emergency-management agency offices across the country when 'all else fails,' and have done so with distinction in virtually every major disaster when cell towers and commercial communications have been knocked out after earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and man-made disasters."

In January 2005, the Legion signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to support emergency disaster preparedness. Subsequently, the Disaster Preparedness Booklet was made available to posts. Amateur-radio support was an integral entity.

"The potential to serve here is limitless," Morrill says. "Legionnaires who are hams can help others get licensed, coordinate with local emergency authorities, provide counseling and assistance to schools, and a whole array of other support.

Interested? Join us on Friday, 22 March at 5:00pm. For more information, contact Jon Davis at [jon2@davistennis.com](mailto:jon2@davistennis.com) or 719-310-3721. By the way, this is also our Steak Night, which begins at 6:00pm, just in time for the Organization meeting to end. If you'd like to stay for a great Steak dinner, you need to RSVP to Jackie Bowen at [jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com) or 719-574-1223.



## From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

Let me start off with a big “Thank You” to all who have volunteered their time doing what they do. Without our volunteers, we would not be a successful Post. A reminder that elections will be held in April at the General Membership Meeting. If you would like to run for office, please talk with me at [catbarger68@outlook.com](mailto:catbarger68@outlook.com) or my cell 719-290-3163. The offices and a short explanation of the positions are:

**President** - to conduct meetings of the Unit and Unit Executive committee

**Vice-President** - assist the President and in the absence of the President, perform her duties

**Secretary** - record all proceedings and maintain those recordings

**Treasurer** – receive/dispense all money belonging to the Unit and account for them

**Chaplain** - offer opening and closing prayers at the meetings

**Historian** - compile historical records of the Unit and send reports to Department

**Sergeant-at-Arms** – preserve order at the meetings.

You can also find descriptions in your Unit handbook and online at [www.alacolorado.com](http://www.alacolorado.com) or [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).

Don't forget this month Auxiliary will be hosting dinner on March 8th at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be Lasagna, salad, bread and dessert for \$10.00. This dinner is a fundraiser for the Scout Troop 77 Unit 209 is sponsoring.

Our next meeting is on March 9th at 10:00 a.m. Come and have breakfast beforehand, at 9:00 a.m. Remember to look at the calendar for the Legion Family Dinners It is a great time with great food and great friends!

The 100th celebration Luau has moved to the Hotel Elegante. The event will be March 16. Doors open at 5 PM. The program will start at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. The Luau dancers will perform at 7:30 PM, and there will be a cash bar available. The hotel will be offering rooms at a special rate of \$99 for that evening. Contact Kellie, Cathy, Donna Rae, Pat, Lino, or other Post officers for tickets. Tickets for the event are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child 7-17, and FREE for children 6 and younger. The main raffle prize is a “7 Night Stay on the Island of Kauai.” Tickets are \$10 each.

Don't miss our 2nd Annual Craft Fair Fundraiser at the Post on April 6. All proceeds will be going to the American Legion Auxiliary Colorado Girls State Program. Come out and support our local vendors.

Unit 209 will sponsor a Bunco tournament on April 7, 2019, from 2-4 PM. All members of the American Legion family are invited to come. Entry fee (to the building) will be \$15. Snacks will be available. Monies raised will be donated to Department Laurie Kuntz's project Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation (paying particular attention to the needs of our female Veterans).

For more information, please see the flyer for more details or check out American Legion Auxiliary Unit 209 Facebook page or [www.Legion209.org](http://www.Legion209.org) web page.

Just a reminder that we will be working with the Blue Star Mothers to conduct “Suits for Troops” on April 28, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. here at the Post. For more information see our web page: [www.Legion209.org](http://www.Legion209.org).

Soon we will be heading into, Girls State season. We will be doing interviews for those young ladies, soon. If you would like to sponsor a girl, please contact Kellie Hayes at [hayeskelliej@yahoo.com](mailto:hayeskelliej@yahoo.com) or 719-494-7167.

I would like to wish the following ladies a HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Theresa (Terry) Albert, Amanda Baldwin, Jackie Bowen, Sandra Carr, Kellie Hayes, Lisa Hughes, Mary Jenkins, Nancy LaFayette, Christine Long-Klinedinst, Patricia Rice, Shelly, Smith, Sherryl Surrena, Helga Velie, Kaycee Velie, Brenda Wash, Patricia Weaver. Make sure to wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly!



## From the Senior Vice Commander and Captain of the Post 209 Honor Guard

Eric Testorff

As Chairman of the Pikes Peak Veterans Honor Guard (PPVHG) committee, an organization established to augment the Active Honors Teams providing Honors at the newly opened Pikes Peak National Cemetery, it has been necessary for me to delve much deeper into all matters Honor Guard. My research has taken me from Public Law, through Title X U.S. Code, to Veterans Administration and Department of Defense regulations regarding Veteran funerals. This article will hopefully serve to clarify some of the gray areas surrounding Veteran burials and Final Military Honors.

Upon the family's request, Public Law 106-65 requires that every eligible Veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony. The law defines a military funeral honors detail as consisting of two or more uniformed military persons, with at least one being a member of the Veteran's parent service of the armed forces.

The five service branches implement this law. If the deceased is determined to be an "eligible Veteran," he or she will be provided with at least the minimum elements of Final Military Honors. These are the folding and presentation of the U.S. flag, and the playing of Taps. The law *requires* nothing further. However, DOD *encourages* additional funeral elements be provided when available. These elements can include rifle details, military pallbearers and/or a color guard. There is no differentiation between officer, senior NCO, retiree, plain veteran, or any other rank or status. Additional funeral elements are based simply upon availability. DOD allows, and encourages, Veteran Service Organizations such as the American Legion, to augment the service branch teams, and to help make these extra elements possible.

The law stipulates "eligible Veteran," but it is VA and DOD regulations that define that eligibility. Essentially, the deceased must fulfill two requirements: A person (Active, National Guard or Reserve) who has completed at least one enlistment or other (officer) obligated military service and received a discharge under "honorable conditions" is eligible. An example of a service member not fulfilling both requirements would be an Administrative Separation during the first enlistment, even if "under honorable conditions."

Military Funeral Honors will **NOT** be provided for individuals who have at any time been discharged or released from military service under any of the following circumstances:

1. A dishonorable discharge
2. A bad conduct discharge
3. A dismissal from the Service adjudged by court-martial
4. An under other-than-honorable conditions discharge or separation
5. An officer resignation or retirement for the good of the Service in lieu of court-martial, which results in a discharge characterization of under other than honorable conditions
6. A clemency discharge. [Example: Vietnam-era draft evaders or deserters given a Presidential clemency.]

Honors will not be provided for persons receiving an entry-level separation given usually within the first 180 days for medical or other reasons. However, later medical discharges with a VA rating as service-connected sickness or injury confer Veteran status, and Final Honors may be given.

Finally, with regards to the question of "Second Honors," regulations stipulate that the Veteran receives Final Military Honors *one time only*. PPVHG has agreed with the local VA Director and service branch casualty officers that we will abide by VA and DOD rules, and will honor the "No Second Honors" policy.

Hopefully, I have clarified some of the issues surrounding Final Military Honors for our deceased brother and sister Veterans. If you have questions, please contact me at [etestorff@legion209.org](mailto:etestorff@legion209.org).



## American Legion Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial



### Auxiliary Unit 209

All proceeds go to American Legion Auxiliary Colorado Girls' State Program

WHEN: Saturday – April 6, 2019 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

WHERE: American Legion Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209  
3613 Jeannine Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO  
(Just off Academy)

COST: \$2.00 entry = 1 door prize ticket  
Canned good donations for Care & Share will get another door prize ticket

CONTACT: Kellie Hayes at [Hayeskelliej@yahoo.com](mailto:Hayeskelliej@yahoo.com) for booth rental questions

***DOOR PRIZES – JEWELRY – POTTERY – CANDLES – BAKE SALE & MORE!!  
Just in time for Easter baskets, Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts.***



## From the Historian

Art "AJ" Carter

### Colorado Post 209 Past Events

**FEB 08:** Our Legion Family Dinners are a Post 209 fundraiser/dinner held on the second Friday of every month. This month's dinner was designated as a **Fundraiser for the Hurley family** following the recent passing of their son. The dinner was hosted by the **Post 209 American Legion Riders**. We raised over \$3,000 for the family.

**FEB 09:** Our monthly general membership meeting. The morning started with our buffet-style breakfast for only \$8.50. It featured all the fixins', including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy, juices, coffee, tea. For only \$1 more, people got a great 3 egg omelet cooked to order. RSVP not required.

Our Sponsored "Scout Troop 77" supported us during breakfast and was honored at the start of our meeting. Escorting the 5 of 21 scouts were Cherie Cayemberg-Troop Leader and Katie Kaska-Assistant Troop Leader. The scout troop is located on the USAF Academy. Our thanks to the troop for busing the breakfast tables.

We were briefed by "Dignity Memorial" on helping Veteran families receive "VA Burial Benefits." Presenting the material were Brian Simon, John Sousa, Theresa Weidersphan, and Chris Yogi. Dignity also donated \$500.00 to the Post.

Jim Harris gave us a brief on how to start a "HAM Radio Club" in Post 209. He said that the "Garden of the Gods HAM Radio Club" would donate their equipment to our Post. That sparked some interest to start a club.

Bill Marshall gave a status on "Colorado Boys State." We are sponsoring 3 boys so far to attend the next session held at the "University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)."

Commander Lino Calica asked for donations to honor our WWII Legionnaires, to secure their membership dues. We collected \$220.00.

An announcement was made of a new "Public Relations Committee" chaired by Joe Schmidt. Several Legionaries showed interest to help start the new committee.

Norm Moyer Donated \$100.00 to the Post Honor Guard.

Mike Barger was awarded with the "MVP" for February 2019.

**Pictures of the events can be found on <http://Legion209.org>**

If you have any pictures you would like to share for our 2018-19 yearbook, please send them to me:

EMAIL: [ajcarter209@comcast.net](mailto:ajcarter209@comcast.net)

TEXT: (603)913-3261

Please indicate what the event or occasion is, when, and who is in the picture(s).

### Special Thanks to **LYLE HAGELBERG**

Lyle Hagelberg is stepping aside as our Post 209 Service Officer after four years. He served from 2014 thru 2018. During his four years as Service Officer, he assisted about 174 Veterans in need of food, shelter, and/or financial assistance to include: Legionnaires and/or their families, and Homeless; often taking money out of his pocket to help his fellow Veteran. He was awarded the American Legion Department of Colorado's "Post Service Officer of the Year" for 2017-2018 and Post 209's "Member Volunteer Participation (MVP) Award" for March 2018. Lyle, you've done a great service to our Post, our community, and The American Legion. Because of your efforts, you have gained the respect of many at the Post and Department level. You were the "go to" person for any Veteran in need of assistance who reached out to our Department and National leaders. You have definitely earned the opportunity to pass the baton. We are forever indebted to you.



## **From The Sons of The American Legion Squadron Commander**

Stan "Sgt. Ski" Krasinski

Sons of The American Legion was Founded in 1932 to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

What does it mean to honor someone?

To honor means to make the other important, as much, or more so than one's self. To act in the other's best interests. To treat the other with respect and dignity. To accept that the other will have different opinions, allow them to be correct when they are, and allow one's self to be wrong when one is.

What is the difference between in memory and in honor?

The key difference between in memory of and in honor of is that in memory of cannot be used for people who have not deceased. It can only be used for those who are no longer alive. As you can see using these two expressions interchangeably is rather questionable.

What does it mean to be honorable?

The word honorable has to do with people and actions that are honest, fair, and worthy of respect. An honorable person is someone who believes in truth and doing the right thing — and tries to live up to those high principles. When you lose a game, it's honorable to shake hands.

This is what the SAL is all about...honoring someone.

Please join us for our next meeting so that we can honor you on 23 April, from 5:45pm- approximately 7:00pm.

There will be no meeting in March.

'We can only make a difference if we are involved...participants not spectators.'



## **From the Jr. Vice Commander**

Stan "Sgt. Ski" Krasinski

I would like to submit a short discussion on "Belonging" as my entry for the month.

Much of human behavior, thought, and emotion stems from our psychological need to belong. In psychologist Christopher Peterson's words, other people matter. In fact, they matter so much, that they become a source of our self-esteem. We may even base our self-concepts not only on our unique traits and characteristics (individual self), but also on the attachments we form with significant others (relational self), and the social groups we identify with (collective self), thus, continuously navigating our self-definitions between "I" and "we" (Brewer & Gardner, 1996, p. 84).

Emotional consequences of belonging have been well studied. Bonds with other people can become causes for happiness. Supportive social networks can act as buffers against stress. The feeling of being connected to others can be a protective factor against depression. Among students, a sense of belonging to peers and teachers can positively affect academic performance and motivation. For some, belonging and attachment to co-workers is a better motivator than money. Belonging can also contribute to a meaningful life, since being a part of a group connotes being a part of something larger, something that expands beyond the boundaries of our own self, thus promoting a sense of "lastingness" and "continuity" (Lambert et al, 2013, p. 6).

These words quoted from the Psychology Today article by Marianna Pogosyan, Ph. D. entitled: On Belonging, What is behind our psychological need to belong? Posted Apr 11, 2017.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness!

At American Legion Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209 we want all our members to feel like they belong to a family...a family of mutual helpfulness.

'We can only make a difference if we are involved...participants not spectators.'



**WE WILL CELEBRATE THE  
AMERICAN LEGION'S CENTENNIAL WITH A  
LU'AU ON SATURDAY, 16 MARCH. THIS FUN  
EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL  
ELEGANTE!**

**THE FUN STARTS AT 5:00PM, AND A LU'AU DINNER  
WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30PM.**

**WE WILL HAVE A POLYNESIAN DANCE TROOP  
PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT, AND OUR PAST  
NATIONAL COMMANDER, TOM BOCK WILL OFFER A  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO COMMEMORATE THIS  
HISTORICAL EVENT.**

**YOU CAN ALSO BUY A CHANCE TO WIN A 7-  
NIGHT STAY IN A 1-BEDROOM CONDO ON THE  
ISLAND OF KAUI. RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ONLY \$10  
EACH! THE DRAWING WILL BE DONE AT THE  
LU'AU!**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE, OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND COME  
TO THE POST FOR MORE INFORMATION!**





# AMERICAN LEGION POST 209

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## WALK OF HONOR

### Buy A Brick Fundraiser!

If you've attended our meetings over the past year, you may have heard us discuss plans for a new fundraising effort. We are partnering with Polar Engraving to offer our members, family, friends, and our corporate Veteran-friendly supporters an opportunity to purchase an engraved brick to adorn our landscaping project we are working. The bricks are engraved using a hybrid method that combines both laser engraving and sandblasting. The engraving is then painted using the same paint used on tombstones so it's extremely durable. Here are the details/answers to questions we anticipate:

- **What Are We Having?** A Brick Fundraising Event
- **Why?** To Further Funding of our American Legion Programs and Offset Increasing Costs
- **What Size Are the Bricks?** We are offering 4"x 8" or 8"x 8" bricks for individuals, and 8"x 8" or 12"x 12" bricks for our corporate supporters.
- **What are the Costs for the Individual Bricks?** Prices range from \$90 to \$200, depending on size, style and lettering desired. For the 8x8 or 12x12 bricks, you can add a second emblem. Contact the Adjutant for ordering details. There is **NO** additional cost for the second emblem on the larger bricks.
- **What are the Costs for the Corporate/Veteran Supporter Bricks?** Prices range from \$250 to \$500, again depending on size, style and lettering.
- **What is the Difference between Individual and Corporate Bricks?** Individual bricks are identified for Veterans, and family members of Veterans wishing to purchase a brick to honor their Veteran. The corporate bricks are for our Veteran-friendly supporters and businesses who wish to show their continued support to our Nation's heroes by purchasing a brick.
- **Is the Brick Purchase Restricted to Members of the Post 209 Family?** No. We encourage members to buy a brick for themselves as a lasting memory of their association with Post 209. We also welcome anyone to purchase a brick for their Veteran loved one, or to show their support to our Veterans.
- **Can I Buy a 12"x 12" Brick for Myself/Loved One?** Absolutely!
- **Where Do I Go to Buy a Brick?** Visit <http://polarengraving.com/ALPost209> to buy your brick. The site is very user-friendly and will walk you through the design and purchase. You will be able to see a preview of your brick before finalizing the purchase.
- **How Do I Pay For the Brick?** We have the site setup to accept payment via PayPal or by check. PayPal is an extremely safe way to purchase a brick and you don't need a PayPal account to use it.
- **Where Will the Brick Be Shipped?** All bricks will be shipped to the Post. We will notify you when it arrives and you are welcome to stop by and see the brick you have purchased.
- **What Will Become of My Brick?** It will be placed near the Flagpole at the Post and will be part of the landscaping design we are working. If you are a landscaper or know a good one (preferably a Veteran), have them contact our Adjutant.
- **How Long Will this Fundraiser Effort Last?** We plan to only sell as many bricks as needed for the first phase of the landscaping project. Currently, that is anticipated to be 600 bricks, but that number may change depending on brick sizes purchased and the final design approved by the Post.
- **Will I Have an Opportunity to Buy a Brick Later?** Quite possibly. It depends on what is decided/approved for the next phase of our project.

Order your brick(s) now to ensure you get one in Phase One of our project. If you buy multiple bricks, let our Adjutant know and we will make certain they are all placed together.

*Reservations and RSVP go to Jackie Bowen (574-1223) [jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com)*

## Bringing a Little South to the West

Past Post Commander Jay Bowen

I was watching TV recently and began thinking how much this technology and entertainment venue has changed over the years. The old adage, “the only constant in life is change” is so true, but that doesn’t necessarily make it a good thing all around. There have been times I long for the old television shows I watched growing up. TV Land and Nickelodeon brought back a few, but there were several others that are missing.

One of my favorites as a child was Superman, starring George Reeves. The show came on Saturday mornings at 6:30am, but that was okay because it was worth getting up to watch. Mom and Dad were normally still in bed, which made it even better because when Dad was up he controlled the TV, and that normally meant we were going to watch the News or a football game. Speaking of controlling the TV, I tell people that even back then Dad had a remote controlled television, but it only worked until 9:00 at night; that’s when we went to bed.

But I digress. Superman was a great show! I would watch him fly around every Saturday and be amazed how the Man of Steel could hide behind those thick rimmed glasses. No one was ever able to break through the disguise. How clever. And the way the bullets would bounce off his body. It never dawned on me that the bad guys always aimed for his chest, never his head. Hmm. And I guess every kid in America at one time or another safety pinned a bath towel around their neck and pretended to fly.

Another show I enjoyed and never see on the old-time networks is “*Car 54 Where Are You?*” Some of you may remember this was about the antics of two goofy cops; Officer Muldoon and Officer Toody. Yep, that’s right Gunther Toody (he now has a 50’s style restaurant named in his honor), played by Joe E. Ross. He was a very funny guy. His side-kick and sometimes “straight man” was Officer Francis Muldoon, played by Fred Gwynne of “*The Munsters*” fame. I thought the show was hilarious, and you know what, there was never a cuss word uttered in any of those shows. How can a show be funny without using the “F” word in every other sentence?

Speaking of clean and funny, my favorite comedian back in those days had to be Red Skelton. He had a weekly show where he performed stand-up comedy and skits. My favorite was Freddy the Freeloader. While funny, he was also a great American. His explanation of The Pledge of Allegiance is still viewed today on YouTube by millions.

Today, it seems cop or courtroom drama shows are all the rage. You can turn to a local or cable TV station any day and any time during the day and have a choice of 3-4 cop shows. Just pick your favorite. Back in the day, there were a few like *Dragnet*, *Naked City*, *Perry Mason*, and *Andy Griffith* that really stuck out. Okay, *Andy* was not a “real” cop show, but it was funny. All of these except probably *Naked City* can still be seen on a cable network somewhere.

But shows that were much more popular than cop shows back then were Westerns. They were great! I still remember “*The Rifleman*.” I once had a sawed-off lever action rifle with quick release holster like he had. Only mine was a toy (and it didn’t have a red tip). And there was “*Bonanza*,” with Ben Cartwright and the boys. It seemed every episode either Hoss or Little Joe was getting into trouble. But Ben and Adam would always step in and bail them out. There were several others, like “*Have Gun Will Travel*,” with gun-for-hire and bad guy/good guy, *Paladin*. He was one of the few “good guys” who wore black. Back in the day the best way to tell the good guys from the bad was in their outfit or especially their hat. Good guys wore a white or light-colored hat. That was easy to see even on a black and white TV.

And speaking of TV’s, ours was a Muntz. I don’t know how long they’ve been out of business, but most people have never heard of them. We would turn it on and wait about 3-4 minutes for the vacuum tubes to warm up and the picture would magically appear. Most of the time the picture would be pretty clear, but if there was too much “snow” on the screen, one of us kids would go outside to the antenna on about a 30 foot pole strapped to the house and make very slight adjustments by twisting the pole to change the direction of the antenna until the picture cleared. We had people stationed to the front of the house by the door that would yell when the picture cleared up. I was so glad when we finally got Rabbit Ears for the TV. We found out that if you put Aluminum foil on the ears, it helped the picture quality. Also, sometimes just standing next to the TV would bring in a better picture, but we would never last long just standing there.

There’s probably several of you reading this wondering why I didn’t mention some of the other classics, like “*Ozzie and Harriet*,” starring a young Ricky Nelson, a 50’s heartthrob and singer. This was probably the first “Reality Show” and much better than anything in that genre today. But if I listed every classic TV show that was GREAT back then, this article would be several pages long. I’ll just leave you with, “Good night Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are!”



## Post Officers 2018-2019

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Finance Officer	Rusty Bower	719-649-0654
Chaplain	Paul R. Darrow	719-237-4461
Sergeant-at-Arms	Joe Schmidt	651-328-9029
Historian	Art "AJ" Carter	603-913-3261
Post Exec. Cmtee	Bill Burd	719-330-1279
Service Officer	Art "AJ" Carter	603-913-3261
Judge Advocate	Marvin Weaver, Sr.	719-638-4763
Club Manager	Art Kimbrel	719-339-4610
Honor Guard Capt.	Eric Testorff	719-510-4177



## Auxiliary Officers 2018-2019

Office	Name	Telephone
President	Cathy Barger	719-290-3163
Vice President	Donna Rae Smith	815-973-0073
Secretary	Pat Weaver	719-638-4763
Treasurer	Kellie Hayes	719-494-7167
Chaplain	Jackie Burd	719-590-6615
Sergeant-At-Arms	Kris Floyd	719-308-2150
Historian	Nancy LaFayette	719-594-6806
Executive-at-Large	Jackie Bowen	719-574-1223

## Sons of The American Legion 2018-2019



Office	Name	Telephone
Commander	Stan "Sgt. Ski" Krasinski	719-359-6356
Vice Commander	Eric Testorff	719-510-4177
Adjutant	Steve P. Cox	970-580-8191
Finance Officer	Rusty Bower	719-649-0654
Sergeant-at-Arms	Stanten Krasinski	719-359-6356
Chaplain	Shelten Krasinski	719-359-6356
Historian	Vacant	
Squadron Advisor	Ken Taylor	719-761-4047



## American Legion Riders 2019-2020

Office	Name	Telephone
President	Steve Hayes	719-494-7166
Vice President		
Secretary	Amy Mitchell	719-321-8291
Treasurer	Rusty Bower	719-649-0654
Sgt-At-Arms	Tim McDowell	719-510-9907
Road Captain	John Hanchek	719-648-5415
Chaplain	John Coppedge	719-330-9177

## Calendar of Events (see back page for March)

### April 2019

- 1<sup>st</sup>; Pikes Peak Honor Guard Meeting, 6:00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup>; Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>; Marksmanship Training, 6:30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>; Young Guns, 6:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup>; Hamdogger Nite, 6:00pm
- **6<sup>th</sup>; Auxiliary Craft Fair, 9:00am – 4:00pm**
- 7<sup>th</sup>; Auxiliary Bunco Fundraiser, 2:00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>; Post Honor Guard Training, 6:00pm
- 12<sup>th</sup>; ALR Dinner, **(RSVP Required!)** 6:00pm **(\$10.00)**
- 13<sup>th</sup>; Breakfast, 9:00am
- 13<sup>th</sup>; Legion/Aux. General Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- 14<sup>th</sup>; Post 209 Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup>; ALR Executive Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>; Steak Night, 6:00pm **(RSVP Required!)**, **(\$14.50)**
- 20<sup>th</sup>; District 7 Convention, 11:00am
- 23<sup>rd</sup>; ALR Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hour, 5:30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>; SAL Monthly Meeting, 5:45pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup>; Chef's Choice, 6:00pm, **(RSVP Required!)**, **(\$10.50)**

### May 2019

- 2<sup>nd</sup>; Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup>; Hamdogger Nite, 6:00pm
- **5<sup>th</sup>; Cinco de Mayo!**
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>; Post Honor Guard Training, 6:00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup>; Auxiliary Dinner, **(RSVP Required!)** 6:00pm **(\$10.00)**
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- 22<sup>nd</sup>; Chef's Choice, 6:00pm, **(RSVP Required!)**, **(\$10.50)**
- **27<sup>th</sup>; Memorial Day!**

Reservations and RSVP go to Jackie Bowen (574-1223) jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com

March 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Price Varies with order</b>  Hamdogger 6:00pm 	2
3	4 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	5	6 Marksmanship 6:30pm 	7 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm  Young Guns 6:30pm 	8 <b>\$9.00 Meal</b> Auxiliary Dinner - RSVP Required! 	9 Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
10 Daylight Saving Begins	11 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	12	13 Marksmanship 6:30pm 	14 Young Guns 6:30pm 	15 <b>\$14.50 Meal</b> Steak Night! - 6:00pm RSVP Required! <b>CANCELLED!</b>	16 American Legion Centennial Celebration Lu'au! 5:00pm   
17 Saint Patrick's Day	18 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm  ALR Exec. Board 6:00pm 	19	20 Spring Begins Marksmanship 6:30pm 	21 Fundraising Committee 7:00pm  Young Guns 6:30pm 	22 <b>\$10.50 Meal</b> Chef's Choice! - 6:00pm RSVP Required! Ham Radio Organization Mtg 5:00pm 	23
24	25 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	26 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm  	27 Marksmanship 6:30pm 	28 Young Guns 6:30pm 	29	30
31	Notes: <b>Steak Night is Cancelled due to the Centennial Celebration Lu'au</b> <b>Amateur (Ham) Radio Organzational Meeting 22 March; Stay for Dinner (must RSVP)</b>					



**HAVE YOU EVER  
 THOUGHT OF JOINING AN AMATEUR (HAM)  
 RADIO CLUB? DO YOU HAVE A LICENSE?  
 DO YOU WANT HELP GETTING ONE?  
 JOIN US ON 22 MARCH AT 5:00PM TO LEARN  
 MORE!**