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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Lino Calica

I would like to take this opportunity to **Welcome** all the new members and their families to Post 209. Our 2019 membership is going great, thanks to all the members who talked to their families, friends and neighbors. As of March 20, our membership is at 1019. We currently sit at 96% of the Department's Target goal of 1065. We are 46 members shy of meeting our Department goal.

As most of you know, April is the month for elections. All positions are open. If you have prior experience or even if you don't but have a desire to serve, please put your nomination in for office. 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. The installation of new officers will be on May 11 at 5:00 pm. There will be no general meeting or breakfast that morning. More information will follow.

The past six months have been exciting, demanding and challenging for The American Legion Centennial Celebration committee and volunteers, as we prepared for the "**Hawaiian Lu'au**" celebrating The American Legion 100 Years at the Hotel Elegante. Our local Hawaiian and Polynesian group, Na Kamali'i O Hawaii and Manava O Polynesia, were the dancers for the luau. The luau could not have been complete without the awesome support of Keoni Lagunero and his company, Da Kine Production, who drove 3 hours to Colorado Springs to set up the stage decorations, lights, and sound system. Normally, it takes him 4.5 hours to setup at an event; he was given only 2 hours. Keoni and his wife are both Veterans, musicians Reggie and Cliff are also Veterans, as well as our kitchen crew, Larry, Robert and Dave. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jackie Bowen, Jay Bowen, Kellie Hayes, Cathy Barger, Mike Barger, Susan Calica, Kelvin Calica and Stan Krasinki for their hard work, dedication and long hours preparing for this event and all the members who volunteered in selling those luau tickets. Special thanks to the Post 209 Honor Guard; Peggy Baldwin, Michael Wescott, Marvin Weaver, Sr., Kris Floyd, Ken Taylor, Steve Hayes, Sarah Tobin, and Eric Testorff, Guard Captain. And thanks to Jr. Auxiliary Young ladies Doris & Casey Hall, Mokihana Palaroan, and Junior SAL Boys, Stanten & Shelten Krasinski and Makana Palaroan for an outstanding job presenting the children table. To MC's Jay and Mike, mahalo.

A very special thank you to my daughter, Shantel Harris for flying in to Colorado Springs: through the winter storm and flight cancellations to prepare and cook. Dave Arcilla did the Kalua pork, Fred Heneralau made the macaroni salad and Summer Palaroan (my younger daughter) made the lumpia (egg rolls) and the dessert butter mochi. Shantel received donations from Dwayne Lanes (her employer) in Everett, Washington, for all the paper products and a monetary gift, totaling close to \$1000.00.



We will be having an American Legion "Post Everlasting" ceremony and Memorial Service at 3:00 pm on April 20 to honor the memory of Millicent `Millie` Young. Millie was a pioneering WWII Women's Army Service Pilot, or WASP and longtime member of Post 209. Location will be at Post 209, 3613 Jeannine Dr. Colorado Springs, CO.



From the Adjutant

Marvin Weaver, Jr.

We will be having our Post Elections at the General membership Meeting on April 14th and all positions will be up for election/appointment. If you want to run for a position and will not be at the meeting I need to have an email from you stating that you would like to serve and in which position.

We have almost reached our quota for membership. We are only 50 members away from reaching our quota of 1,065 members. If you have not renewed yet please do so, 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 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 20th starting at 11am. We will be electing new officers for the next Legion year. Please make every effort to attend the District Convention.

Department Convention will be June 20 – 23 at Hotel Elegante here in Colorado Springs and our Post will host the Department Convention this year. 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.

Post 209 is “Hamming” It Up!



On Friday, March 22nd, interested members of Post 209 met to create an Amateur (Ham) Radio Club. There were 10 members, most of whom already possessed a license, and about seven others interested in showing support for the “Club” and learn more about this fascinating program. The “Club” voted to approve their Articles of Organization and their newly constructed Bylaws. They also elected a full slate of officers, headed by Jon Davis. They still have some work to do, which should be more fun than work. They will be receiving a system from the Garden of the Gods Amateur Radio Club and that will need to be set up and get online. They also need to agree on the initial focus for the “Club.” All of this will be identified and solidified at near future meetings. One of their goals and intent is to eventually align with the The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) at National Headquarters.

There was great interaction between the members and ideas for the “Club” were flowing faster than could be recorded. They briefly discussed fun activities to organize and sponsor as well as community service and disaster preparedness possibilities. They also publicly acknowledged they are a club and program of Post 209, and vowed never to lose sight they are Legion family first and foremost.

As mentioned last month, in January 2005 The American Legion signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to support emergency disaster preparedness. Subsequently, a Disaster Preparedness Booklet was made available to Posts. Having a Ham Radio Club aligns perfectly with recommendations in the booklet.

Interested? Keep checking our Post website at legion209.org for updates on future meetings. At their next meeting, they will nail down things like meeting frequency and what type of meetings they plan to conduct. The “Club” is also establishing a Facebook page so look for that as it develops. There is a link to the Facebook page on our Post website. Additionally, Jon plans to submit articles on “Club” activities and happenings in future editions of “*The Centennial*” newsletter, so keep reading to learn what our newest program is planning. For more information, contact Jon Davis at jon2@davistennis.com or 719-310-3721.



From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

Spring has arrived, and April is going to be a busy month.

I want to thank everyone that came out and enjoyed the Auxiliary Dinner on March 8th, this was a successful fundraiser for Troop 77, and we raised \$800.00 for our newly formed all girl Scout Troop.

Don't forget elections will be on April 13th during our monthly meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should contact one of the current officers.

We are looking for sponsors for our Girls State program. If you know of anyone that would like to sponsor a girl or if you would like to be a sponsor, the full amount is \$200 for each girl. If you can't do the total amount, any amount will help. Girls State will be on June 9 thru 14, at UNC Greeley.

Don't forget Auxiliary's 1st Annual Craft Fair, April 6th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come on down and do some shopping.

Just a reminder the Auxiliary will be hosting a Bunco Tournament on April 7th at the Post, time 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The entry fee is \$15.00; snacks will be available. All proceeds raised will be donated to Department Laurie Kuntz's Project. All American Legion Family are welcome.

We will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on April 14, 2019, at the Post from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; RSVP to Jackie at jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com by April 7th.

District 7's Spring Convention will be at Post 38 on April 20th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A memorial service for Millie Young will be held the same day at Post 209 starting at 3 PM. All are encouraged to attend both events.

Don't forget the Healing Warriors are at the Post every 4th Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Blue Star Mothers will be doing "Suits for Troops." We will be collecting men's and women's suits and other business attire for the soldiers transitioning out of the military to help dress for interviews. We will be at the Post on April 28, 2019, from 1 to 4 collecting the items of clothing.

I would like to wish the following ladies a HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Marilyn Brinkley Cotter, Cheryl Cayemberg, Kristina Floyd, Celia Hamm, Renee Hedrick, Nilsa Heneralau, Gloria Hill, Stephanie Moyer, Nikki Noonan, Donna Rea Smith and Lois Wooton. Wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly!

Yum, Yum, Eat'em up!!

We are having another Butter Braid Sale from March 22nd – April 12. Delivery date is April 17th. Tell your friends, neighbors, and your neighbors' friends about the sale. Please turn in orders no later than April 12th. I will call or email you with the delivery time. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 209. The price is \$13.00 per Braid. We need the payment before the delivery date. You may call Jackie Bowen, (719) 574-1223 or email jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com, with an order and then mail a check to her or discuss receipt of payment. Thanks in advance for helping us make this a success. FLAVORS: Caramel Rolls (9 rolls), Cherry, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Cinnamon, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, and cookie dough in the flavors of Chocolate Chip and Double Chocolate.



From the Senior Vice Commander
Eric Testorff

People may or may not know that, during the shutdown, unlike the other branches of service, the Coast Guard was not paid. This was especially hard on junior-grade enlisted families with children. When they didn't receive paychecks, the American Legion stepped up and provided, not just financial assistance through the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program, but with gift cards and food. The money was not a loan, but a gift to young military families that oftentimes receive little thanks for their service to our country.

The American Legion believes in helping our Veterans, our military and their families. We believe in a strong national defense, in our children and youth, and in patriotism and Americanism. If you know a wartime Veteran who believes in these things, ask them to become a member of the American Legion!



Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer Jason Vanderhaden speaks during The American Legion Commander's Call in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019. Photo by Schelly Stone/The American Legion.

Luncheon for WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans
by Peggy Baldwin

Did you know there is a monthly luncheon get together here in Colorado Springs for WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Veterans? It is every second Tuesday of the month, and starts at 11:30 am. But please feel free to come earlier and socialize as many show up earlier. The luncheon is held at the Western Omelet Restaurant, 16 S. Walnut St, Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

This event is intended for the Veterans of WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. All red-blooded Americans are welcome to come on out and show support for our country's senior warriors. A guest speaker is often present to inspire and inform. The patriotism is genuine, the company is friendly, and the food is great. The next luncheon is 9 April.



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 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

Post Events from February through March

Feb 17: We Hosted James Pisa - American Legion National Vice Commander's, meet and greet and had a mini "DMS" membership drive from 1000 to 1500. We then proceeded to Post 38 for a social hour and dinner at 1700. Chaired by Dean Noechel.

Feb 23: Healing Warriors - A program utilizing acupuncture, craniosacral therapy and healing touch. They are at Post 209 every 4th Saturday from 9 to 1. They see their last client at 12:30. They treat Veterans, Veterans' spouses and children at NO COST. Donations are appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make an appointment.

Feb 26: American Legion Riders Post 209 Meeting - Congratulations to the newly elected officers for The American Legion Riders, President - Steve Hayes, Vice President - Tim McDowell, Treasurer - Kellie Hayes, Sergeant at Arms - Mark Griffin, Road Captain - John Hanchek and Chaplain - John Coppedge. There still is an opening an opening for Secretary and Historian. We'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.

Mar 02: Biker's Ball - American Legion Riders present the 23rd annual Biker's Ball. All proceeds benefit the Bruce McCandless State Veterans Nursing Home and other Veteran causes.

Mar 07: Post Exec Committee - Consisting of the elected & appointed officers of the Post 209 Legion Family. Kathy Barger is nominated and awarded the Member Volunteer Participant (MVP) for Mar 2019.

Mar 08: Legion Family Dinner - This Month's dinner has been designated as a fundraiser for Scout Troop 77. Accompanying Scout Leaders were Cherie Cayeinberg, Johathan Dooley, George Johnson, Shari Hughes, and Pete Myers for the 7 of 20 attending scouts. Chaired by Auxiliary Unit 209.

Mar 09: General Membership Meeting - The Post gave recognition to our sponsored Cub Scout Pack 24, escorted by Vicky McLaughlin-Scout Leader, and Laura Deck and Mariah Devenish-Parents for 5 of 12 Cubs. John Brown presented the Pack with the "Gold Ribbon" the highest rank of excellence. He also presented Lino Calica-Post 209 Commander with the scout's charter.

We were visited by the District 7 leadership who items of interest from the District and Department of Colorado.

Marvin Weaver Sr. - Informed us of an upcoming Congressional bill that starting in 2020 will grant "Purple Heart Recipients" usage of "Military Base Facilities;" it is expected to be signed by President Trump in 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

TEXT: (603)913-3261

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



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.

It is renewal time! As you know, membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Your promptness in forwarding dues at this time will be deeply appreciated.

At our last SAL meeting on 26 February, it was decided that those...who could...would meet to plan elections for the upcoming year. So the next meeting that everyone is invited to will be on 26 March, 1745-1900 with elections being held the next month. Please step-up, show up and ask "What can I do?", volunteer for an office...they are all available...you will be a more fulfilled person because of it.

Please visit the Sons of The American Legion web-site and view all the current stories at <https://www.legion.org/sons> .

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



From the Jr. Vice Commander

Stan "Sgt. Ski" Krasinski

Good day American Legion family,

In this episode of the Newsletter I would like to partially quote from my ANGR/AGR/ISR Superintendent, SMSgt Jon Singletary's article in his "Superintendent's Corner" addition, Feb 27, 2019, Vol 6, Issue 7 entitled: "Good To You But Not Good For You."

"...I could go on and on about things I have and continue to indulge in that are good to me but not good for me. Habits, relationships, foods and even professional decisions. But I realize that I have to make my decisions based on accurate data and not my fickle emotions. Emotions leave me on the couch when I should be at the gym. Emotions lead me to argue with people who I have no need to even be concerned about. Emotions lead me to value the presence of people who could really care less if I live or die let alone if I am happy or doing okay. And how often do you find yourself in these positions and situations? I am on a new mantra here lately, and it is simply this: Fall in love with the process and not the results. If I love the process, it may not work out every time, but many more times than not, the process will produce good results. Plus I have control over the process. I can control going to the gym, eating right, reading and writing, studying and empowering myself, spending time with my son and all my loved ones. And falling in love with the process means that failures (which are inevitable) don't crush me. Because I can generate enthusiasm from looking forward to doing those things I must do because they are part of my process...How many times have we sabotaged ourselves by doing what seemed good because of our emotions instead of what was truly good? I know this is a daily trap for me. And, it is also a major contributor to my temporary inability to live out my life's purpose. So today I choose the good for me over the good to me! And today I also challenge you to do the same!"

Is anything/everything you are doing good to you but not good for you?

Evaluate your situation, your thoughts, your efforts, your life....I have and I also challenge you to do the same!

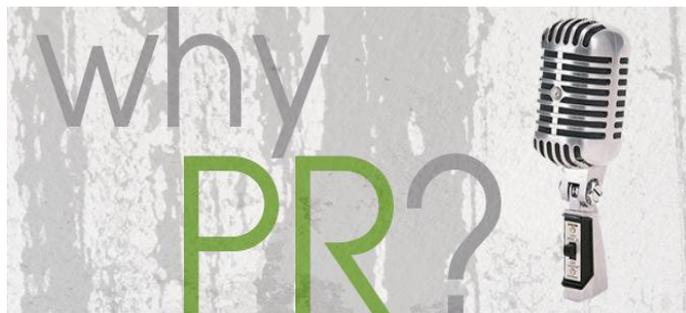
See where you may need to make positive changes, course corrections, take the other fork in the road...even...to do his will instead of yours...and then just do it!

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The American Legion Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209 Public Relations Committee

Why does our Post need a Public Relations (PR) Committee? The answer is quite simple, to spread the message of the American Legion to those who may not know about us and to keep those who do know informed. We also create a public branding through the use of public relations so when people in the Pikes Peak region think of Veterans they think of the American Legion. What are public relations even about? Public relations are a strategic communication process that builds mutually beneficial relationships between organizations and their public. The PR committee works with the organization to cultivate a story that portrays the American Legion's reputation, ideas, position, and



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accomplishments in a positive light. That is not saying the American Legion does anything to portray its self in a negative light it just means we focus on our programs and events that support Veterans and push the message that the American Legion is not just some bar disgruntled Veterans go to. PR can be accomplished through several avenues; printed media, social media, radio or television segments and public

speaking engagements. All of these tools are just one piece of how we not only engage our membership, but the community as a whole. We are looking for people in the Post who want to share their ideas on how to spread the message of the American Legion. All are invited to attend the upcoming meeting on April 11th at 6:00 PM. Contact Joseph Schmidt at (651) 328-9029 or josephschmidt@ymail.com with any questions you may have. Please come down and support this great new committee and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can grow the name our great Post.

The Next Public Relations Committee Meeting is April 11th, at 6:00 PM

Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act Announcement

Lee White is President of Chapter 1106 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He has sent us this reminder:

On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed the “Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act” that established the National Vietnam War Veterans Day to be celebrated each year on March 29th. Objectives of this act include:

1. Vietnam Commemoration – The Commemoration makes no distinction between veterans who served in-country, or were assigned elsewhere during those 20 years.
2. Highlight the service of the Armed forces during the war.
3. Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens.
4. Highlight technology, science, and medical advances made during the war.
5. Recognize contributions by other friendly nations.

A few stats:

- 9,000,000 Americans served between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975
- 2,700,000 U. S. service members served in the Vietnam theatre of war
- 58,000 Killed in Action
- 304,000 Wounded in Action
- 1,253 Missing in Action
- 2,500 Prisoners of War

Paul LaGrange, Director of the newly opened Pikes Peak National Cemetery, says that there will be a joint Vietnam Veterans Recognition program with PPNC and TREA on March 29th at 3:pm. Location will be at 3035 S. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs.



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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

Bringing a Little South to the West

Past Post Commander Jay Bowen

Growing up I don't think I ever met any kid who didn't love Westerns. I mentioned them in my article last month, but I've been thinking quite a bit about those old shows and just wanted to share some thoughts about them this month. And it doesn't matter if I'm talking about Western movies or the great television shows of the 50's and 60's, this is relevant about both/either.

One of my first thoughts is how great a shot those guys were, especially the good guys. They could shoot a holster off the waist of the bad guys, shoot the gun from the hand of the outlaw they were facing, and unless they were in a heated battle that was supposed to last 3-4 minutes, they never missed their target. In reality, according to my research this was not likely the case back in those days.

Not to get too technical, but one of the great innovations of the day was to "rifling" the inside of a gun barrel. This rifling was done by cutting swirls inside the barrel, causing the round to spin as it left the barrel. This spinning motion improved accuracy dramatically. While the rifling technique was invented several hundred years ago, it didn't become popular in handguns until the mid to late 1800's. That was due mainly to the expense of having the bore of the barrel rifled correctly. So most of the pistols used by the good and bad guys in the early to late 1800's weren't capable of having the accuracy demonstrated in the old Westerns. But as a kid, we didn't know anything about that and didn't care. We just reveled in the displays of gunmanship and as we played "cowboys and Indians," we were also sharpshooters like our on-screen heroes. Matter of fact, I've read from multiple sources that until cowboys like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid came around, most of the good/bad guys had to shoot many, many times to hit their intended target. Apparently, Sundance was almost as good as portrayed on screen.

Another scene we always looked forward to was the shootout in the streets. The Sheriff, or Marshall, or the good guy du jour would stand about 50 yards from his nemesis and they would stare down each other before one of them finally "reached for the draw." In almost every instance, the good guy would draw faster and his aim was always more true. Sometimes the good guy shot second, but it was their shot that proved to be the one that counted. I remember watching the beginning of each Gunsmoke episode. Matt Dillon drew his gun slower than the bad guy he was facing, but apparently the bad guy's aim was off and Matt never missed. I guess the bad guy in that Western didn't have rifling in his gun barrel, but Matt did.

In reality, according my research there were very, very few gun fights in the street as depicted in those old Westerns. Most of the shootouts occurred shooting from beside or behind buildings or using some other barrier for protection. While the face-to-face shootout was cooler and more-manly, it makes much more sense they would hide behind something for protection when in battle. And I guess a rifle (because of the rifling no doubt) or scattergun (double-barreled shotgun) if the distance wasn't too great, was the preferred weapon during a shootout.

I think my all-time favorite, and it has to be one of the most famous gunfights in the history of the West, was the shootout at the OK Corral in Tombstone, AZ, "The Town Too Tough to Die." This was the battle between the Earp brothers with their buddy, John "Doc" Holliday, against the Clanton and McLaury gang. I guess in reality you could argue who was the good guys and who were the bad guys in this battle, but history would suggest the Earp brothers and Doc Holliday were not as bad as the Clanton's and McLaury's.

There have been many, many movies about this famous battle, but the truth is the gunfight lasted about 30 seconds, and there were about 30 shots fired. None of the Earp brothers or Doc Holliday were killed during the gunfight, however interestingly enough all but Wyatt was wounded on their side. On the Clanton/McLaury side, both Tom and Frank McLaury were killed, as was Billy Clanton. Ike Clanton and Billy Claiborne ran off. The Earps and Holliday were charged with murder (probably because Virgil Earp is reported to have fired first), but they were acquitted and it was determined they acted within their jurisdiction as lawmen.

I guess one of the reasons those old shows were so popular was because the good guys always won the day, and with the exception of Matt Dillon, they also always won the girl. Sadly, we all know that is also not always the reality. Sometimes bad guys win, and the good guys don't always win the girl. But I do believe that in the end, the bad guys will eventually get what they deserve, if not in this life, certainly when they face the Master of All and they have to account for their actions. And I also believe if the good guy doesn't get the girl, it's because she was not the girl intended for him. At the end of the day and the good guy rides off into the sunset, the right girl and his just rewards are waiting in the next town and at his next adventure.



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Treasurer	Kellie Hayes	719-494-7167
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Road Captain	John Hanchek	719-648-5415
Chaplain	John Coppedge	719-330-9177

Calendar of Events (see back page for April)

May 2019

- 2nd; Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 3rd; Hamdogger Nite, 6:00pm
- **5th; Cinco de Mayo!**
- 6th, 13th, 20th, 2th; Post Honor Guard Training, 6:00pm
- 10th; Auxiliary Dinner, **(RSVP Required!)** 6:00pm **(\$10.00)**
- 11th; Breakfast, 9:00am
- 11th; Legion/Aux. General Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- **12th; Mothers' Day!**
- 15th; ALR Executive Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- 19th; Steak Night, 6:00pm **(RSVP Required!)**, **(\$14.50)**
- 20th; District 7 Convention, 11:00am
- 23rd; ALR Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hour, 5:30pm
- 23rd; SAL Monthly Meeting, 5:45pm
- 22nd; Chef's Choice, 6:00pm, **(RSVP Required!)**, **(\$10.50)**
- **27th; Memorial Day!**

June 2019

- 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; Post Honor Guard Training, 6:00pm
- 6th; Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 8th; Legion/Aux. General Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- **14th; Army Birthday! Also, Flag Day!**
- 14th; ALR Dinner, **(RSVP Required!)** 6:00pm **(\$10.00)**
- **16th; Fathers' Day!**
- 17th; ALR Executive Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- 20th – 23rd; Department Convention; Elegante Hotel
- 21st; Chicken Fried Steak, 6:00pm **(RSVP Required!)**
- 25th; ALR Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hour, 5:30pm
- 25th; SAL Monthly Meeting, 5:45pm
- 28th; Chef's Choice, 6:00pm, **(RSVP Required)**, **(\$10.50)**

April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pikes Peak Honor Gd. Meeting 6:00pm 	2	3 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm  Marksmanship 6:30pm 	4 Young Guns 6:30pm 	5 Price Varies with order Hamdogger 6:00pm 	6 Auxiliary Craft Fair 9:00am-4:00pm 
7 Auxiliary Bunco Fundraiser 2:00pm-4:00pm 	8 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	9	10 Marksmanship 6:30pm 	11 PR Meeting 6:00pm	12 \$10.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	13 POST ELECTIONS! Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am 
14 Post 209  Easter Egg Hunt! 2:00pm-4:00pm   	15 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm  ALR Exec. Board 6:00pm 	16 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	17	18 Capital Fund Meeting 7:00pm  Young Guns Awards Ceremony 6:30pm 	19 Good Friday Steak Night! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!  	20 District 7 Convention 11:00am-2:00pm  Millie Young Memorial Service 3:00pm 
21 Easter	22 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	23 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm  	24 Administrative Professionals	25	26 Arbor Day Chef's Choice! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!  	27
28 Suits for Troops 1:00pm - 4:00pm	29 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	30	Notes:			



It's Post/Unit Election Day at Neal Thomas Jr.-Centennial Post 209!

All Legion and Auxiliary Members in Good Standing of Post 209 Are Eligible To Compete and Serve in a Post or Unit Position. All Positions Are Open for Competition!

If You Are Interested in Serving, Join Us For Our 13 April Meeting and Let Your Intentions Be Known!

If You Want to Ensure Your Favorite Candidate Wins the Election For Their Position, Join Us and Vote!

Self-Nominations Are Acceptable and Encouraged.