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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Mike Barger

I'd like to thank all those that have volunteered their time doing what they do. Without our volunteers, we would not be a successful Post. We can always use more volunteers, so please don't hesitate to come down and help. Even if it's just an hour a month.

Another election year has come and gone, and I'd like to congratulate all those that were elected to fill the positions at the Post level. They are: Lino Calica, Commander; Eric Testorff, Sr. Vice Commander; Stan Krasinski, Jr. Vice Commander; Marvin Weaver Jr, Adjutant; Rusty Bower, Finance Officer; Art Carter, Historian; Bill Burd, Post Executive Committeeman; Paul Darrow, Chaplain; Joe Schmidt, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Andy Gilbert to remain on the Board of Trustees.

Also, congratulations go out to those from the Post that have stepped up and taken on positions at the District Level. They are: Mike Barger, Commander; Marvin Weaver Jr, Senior Vice Commander; Marvin Weaver Sr., Adjutant; Joe Schmidt, Historian; and Lino Calica, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Thanks to Jerry Lollar, Stan Krasinski and Chris Earley for the hard work and dedication they bestowed on this Post while in their positions. It's my hope that you will help the incoming folks in your positions with anything they need to be successful. A reminder, there will not be a May breakfast and General Membership meeting on 5/12 since we will be doing the installation of officers that evening after the National Commander banquet. The banquet will begin at 6 pm, followed by the National Commander who will present certificates to all that attended the day long Colorado American Legion College training. The National Commander will be installing both the Post Officers and the District Officers for 2018-19. Dinner will be Chicken Fried Steak, so please make sure to RSVP if you're going to attend this event. This will be a time for you to come down and meet the first ever female National Commander of The American Legion.

In the April newsletter, I mentioned that we sponsored 31 WWII and Korean Vets to keep their membership alive in the Legion. We had a total of 43 that we could have done. I am proud to say, that we have completed the sponsoring of all 43 Vets this year. A big thank you goes out to all those that stepped up and participated in this. With the help of getting these Legionnaires renewed for another year, this helped us get to and surpass our membership goal of 1037 members, 2 months early. What an accomplishment this is, for it's not easy to get folks to join, let alone renew. It's things like this that makes me proud to be the Commander of the largest Post in the state. Also, as a District, we have hit our 100% membership goal a month and half early.

Dates to put on your calendar for May. May 4th, the SAL will be holding an early Cinco de Mayo Mexican dinner in place of the Hamdogger dinner night. This will be a fundraiser dinner to support Josh Dogs. May 18th, instead of Steak Night, the Commander will be cooking Meatloaf, for Art will be out of town. Come down and enjoy a meal cooked by the Commander. May 19th will be the Golf Tournament at Kings Deer Golf Club in Monument, with all proceeds going to support Boys State. The cost per player will be \$100, and it will be a 4-person scramble. If you don't play golf and would still like to help, contact Jay Bowen and he will be more than happy to get you signed up to help on the day of the event. Also on May 19th, the Run For The Wall will be making its annual trip to Washington DC from California, with a stop in Fountain, Colorado. This is a food stop, so please come down and show your support to those traveling, and strike up a conversation with them. They really like to see as many of us out there to show our support. May 28th is Memorial Day, so please try to get out and support the many tributes and memorials that will be happening around town. This day is the day we remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to fight for our freedoms we have come to enjoy today and for years to come. The Riders have been asked again to do the 21-gun salute for the Pikes Peak Veterans Council at the DAV on Palmer Park and Peterson at 11 am.



From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

NO MAY MEETING. We will hold a joint installation of officers starting at 5:00 pm May 12th. Following the installations we will have a banquet dinner. Please make sure to RSVP for this dinner.

Your 2018 Auxiliary Officers are President, Cathy Barger; Vice President, Donna Rea Smith; Secretary, Pat Weaver; Treasurer, Kellie Hayes; Chaplain, Jacqueline Burd; Sgt-at-Arms, Kris Floyd; and Historian Nancy Lafayette; Executive-at-Large, Jackie Bowen. They will take over in June after the Department Convention. Thank you, ladies, for stepping up and continuing to serve our Veterans.

My thanks go out to all the volunteers that helped make our Craft Fair a huge success. We raised \$1786.68 so far and we're waiting for a couple of vendors for our portion of their sales for sponsoring more young ladies to attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. We were honored to have the National Auxiliary President Diane Duscheck stop by and check out the craft fair and bought some beautiful handmade doilies.

We have interviewed 50 girls for Girls State and Kellie is still working on getting more. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held on June 10-16, 2018 at UNC Greeley.

Happy Birthday to Cathy Barger, Lori Barger, Laurel Harman, Cliffa Gaddis, Mae (Kitty) Jones, Kris Mueller, Joey Santiago, Micah Bowen and Tiffany Weaver. Make sure to wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly!



From the Adjutant

Marvin Weaver, Jr.

I would like to say Thank You to everyone that renewed their membership. If you did not already know, the Post made our membership goal; we are a 100% Post. With us making our goal, we helped District 7 to make its membership goal and they are now at 100% as well. Just because we made our goal does not mean that we don't want to recruit more 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; you will also be entered into a drawing for a PUFL membership for each member you recruit.

District 7 Convention will be on Apr 29th at Post 209 starting at 11am. We will have officers from Department to give updates on what is going on within the Department. We will also be having election of District officers. Lunch will be provided for donation. Department Convention will be June 21 – 24 at Hotel Elegante here in Colorado Springs where we will also be electing the officers for Department next year.



Rusty Bower's column to bring a little "salt" to the Post.

Origin of NAVY Terminology

Rusty Bower



Knot:

The term knot is used worldwide to denote one's speed through water and means the number of nautical miles per hour. One nautical mile is equal to 1852 meters or 1.15 statute miles. The term comes from the method of using a rope or line marked with knots at even intervals to measure the boats speed. At one end of the line there would be a log or some other type of sea anchor that was thrown over from the stern. The knotted line was allowed to run freely for a specific amount of time after which it was hauled back onboard where the number of knots could be counted giving the number of knots of forward speed.



From the Sr. Vice Commander
Eric Testorff

Dear readers,

As Membership Chair, I am proud to announce that we have reached our 2017-2018 goal of 1,037 American Legion members at Post 209! In fact, we have exceeded that goal, and have reached as of this writing, a total of 1,040 veterans who are members of our Post!

This is truly an incredible achievement, and could not have been done without the hard work of our wonderful Post 209 personnel. I know our namesake, Neal Thomas, Jr., would be very proud right now. I also know that Neal would counsel us not to sit on our laurels. We need to push on, and keep talking to our neighbors and friends about the American Legion, and about Post 209.

It is through strength in numbers that the Legion is able to do so many of the great things for which we are known. When Veteran Service Organizations go to Washington, D.C. and talk to Congress about the needs of our nation's Veterans, it is the muscle of the American Legion and the weight of our numbers that is brought to bear, and captures our lawmakers' attention.

It is through strength in numbers that we are able to accomplish the many and varied tasks that are set before us, such as fundraising for our Veterans and their families, supporting our elderly in area Veterans homes, or bringing some love and security to children in area hospitals.

Without a strong and powerful Post 209, we would not play such an important role at the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. It would be difficult to raise funds for the Veterans Assistance Fund or the Colorado Kids Fund. Our support for the Crawford House and other worthy Veteran charities would be diminished.

Without our strength in numbers, we would not have the impact that we do with our young people through Junior Shooting, Boys State, Girls State, Oratorical, the Child Welfare Fund and a host of other ways in which Post 209 influences the lives of our youth.

Our strength in numbers makes it possible to recruit, train and equip one of the few Veteran Honor Guards in all of Southern Colorado. It is through this effort that we honor our flag, that we represent the Legion and Post 209 in front of our community and our area schoolchildren. Most importantly, we are able to render Final Military Honors to our departed Veterans. They deserve no less.

So keep up the good work! Fight the good fight! Talk to your fellow citizens and the Veterans that you meet. Let them know about the incredible work that Post 209 is doing, the great things that the Legion stands for, and the wonderful future that we have together in the American Legion Family!



Motorcycle Minute
Grady "K-Bar" Mitchell; President

Well, we're in the time of year that makes riding interesting. One day it's 70 degrees and sunny, the next its in the 30's and blustery. We've had to be selective about getting out, but its hard to ignore the call of the road.

The Run For The Wall is coming through on the 19th of this month and is stopping at the Fire Station in Fountain for lunch. They will be leaving Pueblo, traveling on I-25, at 12:00 and expected to arrive in Fountain at 12:45. The Riders will be helping out at lunch. When they depart at 1:45 they will be heading up US-24 to Limon. They always appreciate support from the communities they travel through, so those who have the inclination are encouraged to give them a wave.

One of our own, John "Flash" Sanders, took a spill last month and did some damage to his left leg. He's recovering, but we'd ask that you still keep him in your thoughts. Recovery and Rehab are often as painful as the original injury, so we hope John's up soon.

Till next time, keep the rubber side down and be safe out there.



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.



Boys/Girls State Silent Auction!



Calling all Neal Thomas Jr.-Centennial Post 209
Family Members!

We will be conducting a Silent Auction at our
American Legion, Department of Colorado Convention
21-24 June. We are in need of items to sell.

We are asking for your support to donate and/or make a
purchase at our Silent Auction room at the Convention
to be held at the Elegante Hotel.

If you have something to donate, contact Jay Bowen or
Kellie Hayes.

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to support
Boys/Girls State!

**Come on out and support these VERY worthy
American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary
programs!**

Boys State is a 501 (c) (3) program. Donations may be tax deductible. Please consult with your tax advisor.

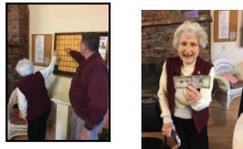


From the Games' Managers Ken and Joyce Taylor

We've started a new raffle and this one is just for current paid up members of the 209 family (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders). It's called the Queen of Hearts Raffle and the prize can reach as high as \$15,000! Tickets are sold for \$1 each and drawings are held each week on Friday evenings. One half (50%) of weekly sales go to increase the jackpot. The weekly winner gets to pick a card from the board and is awarded a prize according to the card they pick. The person who picks the Queen of Hearts wins the Jackpot Prize! Complete details and the current jackpot amount can be found on our web page at legion209.org. Just click on the Queen of Hearts Icon.

Recently, a lucky drawing member of the Post selected a card with the Queen of Diamonds! He didn't win the jackpot, but the \$50 he won made him very happy. Try again next week!

!!YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!! !!YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!



Let's Get To Know You!

The Commander suggested we set aside some space in The Centennial to showcase our members. He's asking all members to consider sending a Bio and we'll put it in the Newsletter. What a great way to learn about our members. So here's the first one.

Alan "Al" G. Hughes

Al began his journey through life on 3 April 1951. He was born and raised on a small farm near Shepherd, Michigan. He attended a one room country school from kindergarten through the fifth grade when the school closed. Al graduated from Shepherd High School in 1969 and worked several jobs over the next few years from driving a truck for Pepsi-Cola to being a restaurant manager for Ponderosa and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

In 1983, Al and his lovely young bride, Lisa, decided they were bored and wanted a change in their life and so at the young age of 32 Al enlisted in the Army. After Basic Training and AIT, Al became a Personnel Specialist and he and Lisa were off on an adventure that began with their first assignment at SHAPE, Belgium and continued for the next twenty-five and a half years on Active Duty.

After his assignment at SHAPE, Belgium, Al did a Consecutive Overseas Tour (COT) to Nellingen, Germany. In 1990, he PCS'd to St Louis, Missouri to serve as one of the few Active Duty members assigned to the Army Reserve Personnel Center (ARPERCEN).

In 1993, Al and Lisa's lives changed dramatically when Al was appointed as a WO1. The next chapter of his career began with an assignment as a Strength Manager for the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Tx. Al also served as the Enlisted Strength Manager of III Corps, Fort Hood, Tx, before once again being assigned back to Germany to serve with the 1st Armored Division Headquarters in Bad Krueznach. In 1999, Al was selected to be the Deputy Executive Officer for the CG, USAREUR and COM SFOR in Bosnia. Al served in the USAREUR position until 2003 when he PCS'd to be the Installation Strength Manger for Fort Carson. Al retired from Active Duty as a CW4 in 2008 and currently is a Department of the Army Civilian in the Army Space Personnel Development Office (ASPDO) with USASMDC/ARSTRAT on Peterson AFB.

Al and Lisa have been active members of the American Legion off and on since 1990. Al was named Legionnaire of the Year of the Harker Heights, TX Post in 1996. They both believe they have found a new family since transferring to Post 209 about two months ago.



From the Sergeant-at-Arms
Stan "Sgt. Ski" Kransinski

Good day all Legion Post 209 family members,

Due to technical difficulties, the most recent MVP selectee will not be celebrated in this edition, and was not disclosed at our last General Membership Meeting.

There will be a double event next month!

Note, there is now a "MVP Collection" nomination box available at the front counter for nominations. You can use the index cards located on the box, type it out at home and then slip it into the box or send an email to the Post email address at centennialtwozeronine@yahoo.com.

Please nominate someone soon!

The Post Executive Committee will review all the nominations and select the recipient during their meeting on the first Thursday of each month. The recipient will be recognized during the next General Membership Meeting that following Saturday.

The Sergeant-at-Arms will then arrange to interview the recipient for another offering under their title in the next monthly Newsletter.

This will repeat monthly ongoing!

Please become an American Legion Post 209 "MVP Collection" member...step up and help and/or nominate someone who has.

Assistance is needed throughout our efforts!

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

Thank you and please have a great month!



What a Deal!



Get a Great Haircut ...And, support Boys State & Girls State Every Wednesday in May, Great Clips will donate 50¢ per haircut to the American Legion in the support of Boys State and Girls State.

That's 50¢ for every haircut, and no action or donation is required of the customer. As an American Legion member, get a haircut and Great Clips will double its contribution! Bring the coupon below into any Great Clips salon in El Paso, Pueblo or Teller Counties on a Wednesday in May 2018 (May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30) and Great Clips will double their donation to \$1! Making copies or electronic sharing of the coupon is permitted, so forward to and encourage your family and friends to visit Great Clips on any Wednesday in May and Boys State/Girls State will receive 50¢, and if they also turn in a coupon, Great Clips' donation doubles to \$1!

Great Clips®
IT'S GONNA BE GREAT™

\$1 Donation on May 2, 9, 16, 23 or 30 to:





Get a haircut at any Great Clips salon in El Paso, Pueblo or Teller Counties on a Wednesday in May (May 2, 9, 16, 23 or 30), present this coupon, and Great Clips will donate \$1 (rather than 50¢) for the benefit of Boys State and Girls State.

Terms: Valid only on Wednesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 or 30, 2018 at Great Clips salons in El Paso, Pueblo & Teller Counties. Making copy(ies) of coupon permitted, but acceptance limited to one (1) coupon per client per day. Sharing (e.g., e-mailing) this coupon with friends and family encouraged. Offer expires May 31, 2018.

Stylist: *Please record following and place in special Boys State/Girls State envelope.*

Salon #: _____ Stylist: _____

Date of visit: _____ Invoice # _____ N R



2018 Inaugural Colorado American Legion Boys State Golf Tournament!



Join us for our Inaugural Colorado American Legion Boys State Golf Tournament. This is the beginning of what we believe will become a great tradition played at one of the best golf venues on the Front Range, sitting at 7,400 feet.

Kings Deer Golf Course, Monument, CO
Saturday, 19 May, 2018

7:00am Registration

7:45am Rules briefing

8:00am Play begins with a Shotgun Start

1:00 p.m. Lunch (included in the cost) at Kings Deer; Prizes awarded

FORMAT: Four-Person Scramble

You may enter as a single or as a group. If you do not have a foursome, the tournament committee will fill your group.

Register Now on the Next Page!

We are looking for Golf Players and Golf Sponsors NOW!

Want to be a Hole Sponsor for only \$300? Contact Jay for details.

Colorado American Legion Boys State is a program of The American Legion, Department of Colorado. It is a 501 (c)(3), so donations may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.

2018 Inaugural Colorado



American Legion Boys State Golf Tournament

Saturday May 19th, 2018

Kings Deer Golf Course Monument, CO

REGISTRATION FORM

Cost is \$100 per person. Entry fee includes 18 holes, golf cart, range balls, prizes and lunch. You may enter as a single or as a group. If you do not have a foursome, the tournament committee will fill your group.

You may pay on the day of the golf tournament if you prefer, but we need a list of players before May 12th so we can set up the teams and give the golf course a final head count.

Player 1:	_____	\$100
Player 2:	_____	\$100
Player 3:	_____	\$100
Player 4:	_____	\$100

Please complete this registration form and return to:

Jay Bowen at LegionnaireJay@yahoo.com no later than May 12, 2018

**All proceeds go to support our Colorado American
Legion Boys State Program!**

Colorado American Legion Boys State is a program of The American Legion, Department of Colorado. It is a 501 (c)(3), so donations may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.

Bringing a Little South to the West

By Past Post Commander Jay Bowen

Most people growing up in the 50's and 60's at some time in their adolescence experimented with cigarettes. I was no different. Especially during the decade of the 60's, many teens experimented with several other drugs. I am proud to say I never tried anything mind altering other than cigarettes and booze.

But like many back then, I took up smoking because I wanted to be cool. I was introduced to the drug by my cousins who lived outside a little town due south of Sikeston, in the "Show Me" state of Missouri. Carl was closest to me in age; he was 3 years older. He had a couple of older brothers, one of whom (Wilford) went into the US Army during Vietnam and retired after 20+ years. I didn't really get to know Wilford until after I had grown and served because he left home when I was pretty young. But Carl and his next older brother, Dale were around during most of my younger and formative years.

My parents were strong believers in "family" so we spent many weekends and some summer vacations visiting our Missouri cousins. This was also the case because for a few years, my maternal grandparents lived next door to our Sullivan cousins. You should understand that next door meant they were about a quarter of a mile down the gravel road, but they were the next and only house along that road.

But I digress. On one such visit to the farm, we found ourselves hiding out behind the Sullivan barn. It was a huge barn primarily used for storing hay for their livestock. It made a great place to play and hide and was far enough away from the house to offer some privacy.

We were hanging out one summer afternoon at the barn and Carl decided it was time to light one up. As I recall, he was probably 16 or 17 at the time, which made me somewhere around 13 or 14. He lit up a Marlboro and offered me and Bubba one. Being at that age where curiosity reigned over sense and our desire to be cool, especially in front of our older cousins, we took the cigarette and got a light from his Zippo.

The first couple of drags was fine...because I didn't inhale. It was pretty obvious to our cousins so they began prodding me to take a drag, then a deep breath to enjoy the "flavor." So with the next drag, I did exactly that. I immediately became extremely light-headed and within seconds starting coughing. They laughed and explained that was the expected and common outcome the first time. They told me it would get easier the more times I inhaled.

As usual, they were right. The more I inhaled the smoke the less I coughed, although the light-headedness stayed with me for a little while. Matter of fact, I almost ruined a pair of shoes because we had to walk across a 10' 2x12 plank that covered a muddy stream to get to the back of the barn. I fell off the plank on my way back to the house. That was not the first nor last time I "walked the plank" at my cousins' farm. It became our favorite hangout to sneak a quick smoke.

Because my parents smoked, they didn't smell the smoke on my clothes and breath. My grandparents, however noticed it immediately and commented about the stench. Before I could respond, they assumed it was because I had ridden in the car to their house with my Dad smoking. I didn't say anything to the contrary. As it turns out, they would often make a comment about the smoky odor and I always had a good excuse; it was being around Dad.

I never really did smoke much; about a pack a day. When my older son was born in 1975, reports were starting to show a definite correlation between cancer and second hand smoke. Thanks to God and the Swine Flu in January, 1976 I quit cold turkey. I didn't want to preach to my son the sins of smoking while puffing on a cigarette. I felt there was something hypocritical about that.

Even though it's been 42 years since I quit, I still have a recurring dream about once a year that I light up a cigarette, take a deep drag and don't get light-headed or start coughing. In the dream, I reach the conclusion I never really stopped smoking and I become furious. When I wake, I'm relieved to realize it was just a dream. I guess that helps me stay focused and grateful God allowed me to get infected with the Flu, which led to me stopping cold turkey.

The smoking lamp will never again be lit in the Bowen household!



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Historian	Eric Testorff	719-510-4177
Squadron Advisor	Don Shuck	

May 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	4 \$10.00 Meal Quattro De Mayo Taco Night! 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	5 Cinco De Mayo
6	7	8	9	10	11 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	12 Legion Training 8:45am Dine w/Nt'l Cldr 6:00pm Installation 7:30pm
13 Mother's Day Happy Mother's Day!	14	15	16	17 Fundraising Committee Meeting 7:00pm	18 Cost to be Determined Meatloaf Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	19 Armed Forces Day Boys State Golf Tournament! Kings Deer Golf Course
20	21 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	22 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm 	23	24	25 \$10.50 Meal Chef's Choice - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	26 Healing Warriors 9:00am - 12:30pm
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	Notes:	

June 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Note: Chef's Choice is cancelled this month because of the Department Convention 21-24 June.					1 Price Varies with order	2
					Hamdogger 6:00pm 	
3	4	5	6	7 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	8 \$9.00 Meal Auxiliary Dinner - RSVP Required! 	9 Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	16
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24 Department Convention	25	26 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm  	27	28	29 \$10.50 Meal Dinner TBD Fundraising Event! RSVP Required!  	30

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