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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 Neale Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209 Legion family. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with the programs or part of the leadership team, please contact any of the Post officers.

2019 has been a fantastic year for our membership program. I want to thank you all for the hard work and dedication you have put into the program. Our goal 1065; as of April 18th we are at 1039, which is 98%. We are only 26 members shy of reaching 100%. I believe with your continued help, we will meet and exceed the goal.

What fantastic year we've had. We held elections in April and there were many members who took the challenge in making a difference in the Post. I want to thank all the members who have entered their names for the various positions. It is my great honor and pleasure to serve you for a second term as your Post **Commander**. I will represent Post 209 and you, the members to the best of my abilities. Please help me congratulate and welcome the 2019-2020 newly elected Post 209 Leadership Team; **Sr. Vice Commander** Joe Schmidt, **Junior Vice Commander** Desiree Guerra, **Adjutant** Jerry Hopper, **Treasurer**, **Chaplain** Stan Hamamoto, **Historian** Mike Wescott, **Sergeant at Arms** Sarah Tobin, and **Executive Committeeman** Marvin Weaver Jr. Judge Advocate, Service Officer and Building Manager/Chef is an appointed position. I have asked the current **Judge Advocate**, Marvin Weaver Sr., **Service Officer**, Art Carter, and **Building Manager**, Art Kimbrel if they are willing to continue in their present position, and they all accepted to continue.

Special Thank you to Eric Testorff, Stan (Sgt Ski) Krasinski, Paul Darrow and Bill Burd for the outstanding job you have done while serving in the leadership positions. I would not have been able to perform my duties as Commander without your assistance, dedication, hard work in making Post 209 the number one Post in the state of Colorado. There will not be a May General Membership and breakfast meeting. We will be conducting an Installation ceremony for newly elected officers on 11 May, beginning at 5:00 pm. After the installation we will serve dinner at 6:00 pm. The dinner will be Swiss steak. If you are planning to attend the installation event; please RSVP to Jackie Bowen at (jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com) or call her at 719 574-1223.

For the past 10 months, I have watched and observed the interactions between the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders and noticed we have a great relationship in working together and getting things accomplished. However, what bothers me the most is the lack of membership involvement. We have approximately 1600 members within the four programs, and only 7% of the members participate in the Post functions events. So I ask myself, what is missing in the Post that prevents the members from participating? If you know of any ideas that will draw the members to the Post please talk to any Post officer. In the past 6.5 years as a Legionnaire, the one program that works the hardest in the Post is the ladies Auxiliary and Art Kimbrel who constantly prepares the meals for our events. I want to thank you for all their hard work and dedication. I would like to challenge everyone to take 15 minutes out of your time in helping setup and cleanup after each dinner and breakfast meals. As the Commander, I am here to serve you the members, families and programs.

S.A.L.T. – Serving and Learning Together



From the Adjutant

Marvin Weaver, Jr.

We are only 20 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 be entered into a drawing for a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership.

Department Convention will be June 20 – 23 at Hotel Elegante here in Colorado Springs where we will be electing the officers for Department next year. 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 book to help the Post. If you need more information about sizing or cost, please contact me and I will get the information to you.



From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

As always, I'd like to start by acknowledging all those that have stepped up this last month and volunteered their time to the Post. That includes people from the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders.

NO MAY MEETING. We will hold a joint installation of officers starting at 5:00 pm May 11th. Following the installations, we will have a banquet dinner. Please make sure to RSVP for this dinner.

Your Auxiliary Unit 209 Officers for 2019-2020:

President – Cathy Barger

Vice President – Donna Testorff

Treasurer – Kellie Hayes

Secretary – Pat Weaver

Chaplain – Hooty Newborn

Historian – Royce Hopper

Sgt-at-Arms – Kris Floyd

Appointed Positions

Poppy Chairman – Marilyn Stites

Communication Chairman – Donna Rae Smith

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 \$1647.00 for sponsoring more young ladies to attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

We have interviewed a few girls for Girls State, and Kellie is still working on getting more. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held on June 9-14, 2019 at UNC Greeley.

Thanks to everyone who played Bunco. We had a great time playing, and we raised \$400 for ALA Department President Laurie Kuntz project of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation focusing on our female veterans.

Happy Birthday to Cathy Barger, Erika Burd-Cunnington, Royce Hooper, Laurel Harman, Sharon Hughes, 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 Senior Vice Commander

Eric Testorff

Edward Heimberger nudged his engines forward. It was late November, 1943, and the Battle of Tarawa was under way. Among several landing craft tasked with transporting Marines to the shore, Heimberger was uneasy. His LVT (Landing Vehicle Tracked) was not armored. In fact, it was made of plywood, and was nowhere near the protection of the sturdier Higgins boats. But Higgins boats were of no use on this mission. A miscalculation of the tides meant that the tracked LVT's were the only craft that could get over the reef, which lay before the island. Heimberger knew that the Japanese were waiting.

As the LVT pushed through the water, Heimberger briefly reflected back over his life, and the lead-up to his current situation. As a youngster in America during World War I, he was often teased by the other kids over his very German-sounding name. As he grew, he took odd jobs, many related to performing, such as circus clown, actor, or even trapeze artist. It was as the latter that he found himself in Mexico in the late 1930's. He had joined the Escalante Brothers troupe of high-flying trapeze artists, but in reality, Edward Heimberger was a spy. He had been hired by the United States government to photograph and report on German U-Boat activities at Mexican ports. The boy teased for his German name was now the young man striking a blow against the Nazis before the war had even begun.

Edward joined the U.S. Coast Guard and became an officer, but as war was breaking out, he resigned his commission, and entered the Navy Reserve. This is what brought him to Tarawa, and the reason he was speeding toward a Japanese-held shore in a plywood boat. His thoughts were jolted back to reality by the sound of machine gun fire. The Japanese were opening up on a group of some 150 Marines, waist deep in the water, struggling toward shore. The fire was intense, and soon the group was cut down to around 100 men still alive. The Marines were caught in a withering crossfire between machine guns mounted on the pier, in a sunken ship, and numerous snipers in abandoned Amphibious Tracked Vehicle (ATV) and Landing Vehicle Tracked (LVT) vehicles.

Heimberger swung into action and directed the handful of craft to begin retrieving wounded Marines from the water. Under intense fire, which cut through his plywood LVT like warm butter, he nevertheless stopped the boat each time to allow wounded men to be pulled aboard. He then shuttled the men back to the safety of the ship, only to turn around and head back into the deadly crossfire for more Marines. He had completed four trips when his propeller was hit, and he was ordered back to the ship.

At this point, Heimberger decided to organize more small craft with machine guns on board to face the Japanese head on. The other boats provided covering fire against the snipers while Edward drove his boat forward to pick up survivors. The Japanese began shooting incendiaries into his boat, and the wounded men had to stomp them out before they did real damage. The fear was of an incendiary igniting one of the eight fuel barrels on board and exploding the entire boat. On his final return to the ship, his boat was so overloaded that the deck was a foot below the water line.

For his actions, Edward Heimberger was awarded the Bronze Star medal with "V" device for valor.

After the war, he went back to his old trade of acting and entertainment. He quickly learned that the public had a hard time with a name that sounded so much like "hamburger," so for stage and screen, he took his middle name...which was Albert. Yes, Edward Heimberger, clown, trapeze artist, spy and war hero, was none other than the beloved star of over 250 motion picture and television roles including Oliver Wendell Douglas on Green Acres: Eddie Albert.



From Our Post Public Relations Committee
Chairman Joe Schmidt

The PR committee held their first meeting on April 11th. We discussed our PR goals for the upcoming year, these goals are;

1. Create awareness of the American Legion
2. Increasing name recognition
3. Informing through public information
4. Gain new Member through PR tactics

The PR committee has begun investigating prices on billboards in the Colorado Springs area. A billboard has the potential to reach hundreds of thousands motorist per week. Because of pricing and scale of this project we have decided to partner with other posts across District 7. This not only allows for our post to save some money on the cost but also allows for other posts to join in on this PR campaign. We are on American Legion family and we can all benefit from a project like this.

We have also begun looking into low cost & free advertisement across the region promoting the American Legion and programs.

We invite anyone who has ideas about PR to come to our next meeting on May 9th at 6:00pm.



From Legion Riders
President Steve Hayes

As winter is finally relinquishing its hold on Colorado, ALR 209 is looking forward to an awesome year of riding!

Our first formal ride of the year to Cripple Creek and Victor was preempted by a winter snow storm on April 13th.

In keeping with traditions in Colorado weather, we had the pleasure of escorting the family of Millie Young to the Post for her Post Everlasting ceremony in sunny mid-70's weather just a week later. It was an honor to help recognize a lifetime of service by such a great lady. We appreciate the support of the Post 209 Legion family during our April fundraising dinner. After expenses we were able to allocate another \$400 to our funds to support Veterans in the Pikes Peak region. ALR 209 membership is looking forward to some great riding and service events in the coming weeks, to include the Vets4Vets Cinco de Mayo fundraising party May 4, the VFW Spring Dart Run May 11, Run for the Wall stop in Fountain May 18, the Defenders of Freedom Veteran's Recognition Ride May 19, and the Falcon Freedom Run on June 1.

On the admin side, we are in the process of reviewing our Constitution and Bylaws. That process will complete in June. Ride safe!



American Legion Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial
Post 209 Family

**Wants to wish all Mom's a Happy
Mother's Day!**

To help you celebrate this great day,
we are offering a free dinner to all
Moms at our Installation Dinner on
Saturday, 11 May at 5:30pm.

***You Must RSVP to Jackie Bowen at
jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com or call her at 719-
574-1223 no later than Thursday, 12:00 noon, 9
May to receive this free dinner. The free meal is
for Moms only!***



From the Historian

Art "AJ" Carter

Colorado Post 209 Past Events Mar 15 thru Apr 14

Mar 16: Our "*Hawaiian Lu'au*", The American Legion Centennial Celebration of the "American Legion 100 Year Birthday" at the Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO. Our local Hawaiian and Polynesian group, "Na Kamali'i O Hawaii and Manava O Polynesia" were the dancers. 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 set up the stage decorations, lights, and sound system. Thanks to Jackie Bowen, Jay Bowen, Kellie Hayes, Cathy Barger, Mike Barger, Susan Calica, Kelvin Calica and Stan Krasinki for setting committee. 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 presented the colors. The Junior Auxiliary Doris & Casey Hall, Mokihana Palaoan, and Junior SAL, Stanten & Shelten Krasinski and Makana Palaoan for an outstanding job presenting the children table. Event was Chaired by Marsilino "Lino" Calica – Commander Post 209.

MAR 22: Post 209 Amateur (Ham) Radio Club held its first meeting (Approved in the Executive Board meeting in Jan). 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 as follows: President-Jonathan Davis, Vice President-George Johnson, Secretary-Harvey LeCato, Treasurer-Henry Russell, and Director-Jim Harris. Chaired by Jonathan Davis. The club 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.

MAR 23: We hosted the "Healing Warriors" - A program which utilizes Acupuncture, Craniosacral Therapy and Healing Touch. They are at Post 209 every 4th Saturday from 9 to 1. They treat Veterans, their spouses and children at NO COST. Donations are appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make an appointment.

APR 03: The Executive Committee consists of the elected & appointed officers of the Post 209 Legion Family. If you would like to attend an Exec Committee meeting, please contact us. We nominated and awarded Mike Wescott as April's MVP.

APR 07: The Post Auxiliary hosted a "Bunco Tournament" at the Post, time 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds raised was donated to the Department Laurie Kuntz's Project.

Apr 11: Our "Public Relations Committee", held its first Meeting (Approved in the Executive Board meeting in Feb). Purpose was to come up with ideas on how to better get our name out to the public and community at large. Chaired by Joe Schmidt

Apr 13: The Post "Monthly General Membership Meeting." As always, the day starts with our buffet-style breakfast for only \$8.50. It features all the fixings, including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy, juices, coffee, and tea. For only \$1 more, people can get a great 3 egg omelet cooked to order. RSVP not required. This month's speakers were State Senator Kent Lambert and State Rep Terri Carver. They briefed on some State Bills in front of congress that affects Veterans. They said to find out more we can go to: Leg.Colorado.Gov

Charles Sorrell was awarded a Certificate for being an American Legion Member for 60 years, along with a 60 Year Pin and a Department Commander's Coin by Lino Calica – Commander Post 209. Mike Wescott was presented with the MVP for Apr 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 our Ham Radio Club President

Jon Davis

Why Amateur Radio?

There's a saying in amateur radio: "When all else fails... amateur radio." While radio operators very much enjoy the technology and trying different ways to communicate (amateur radio operators have pioneered many new technologies over the years) as well as the joy of contacting someone half way across the world with an appliance in your house, there's a much greater purpose for radio operations in general. "Hams," as amateur radio operators are often referred to, enjoy being the backbone of emergency communications on many fronts across the country.

Walter Cronkite (KB2GSD) hosted a video of the many ways hams assist in emergency communications – I highly encourage you to watch it as it provides a great overview of this crucial element of amateur radio (and it highlights local hams during the Hayman Fire of 2002). Hams provide critical communications when the power is out because of earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, floods and many other natural disasters. Messages are often passed around the world by hams to family members who worry about their loved ones when they can't communicate through the channels they've become so accustomed to. Hams often become trained in weather spotting and provide crucial "eyes on the ground" reports to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to help them provide better forecasting and early warning of severe weather for residents in the local community.

Even if you don't officially participate in these types of communications, ham radio can be a life saver. There's a story about how Boulder County resident Bill Eberle assisted in the rescue of an injured hiker right here in Colorado, where cell phone service wasn't available. A ham radio operator and hiker was fortunate to carry a low power portable high frequency radio when he was injured and someone 600 miles away was able to get assistance.

That's great, you may say, but why amateur radio in the American Legion, you might ask? Let's quickly visit the four pillars of the American Legion and see how ham radio fits with them. Believe it or not, it fits within all four!

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: Sometimes Vets who are struggling need to find the kind of purpose they felt while serving in defense of our country. They come with skills they learned in battle and find nowhere to apply them in peace. Learning (or applying) the skill of radio operations by becoming a licensed operator can give vets a purpose where they can apply that skill in service of our country by providing that critical communications support mentioned above.

National Security: This is pretty self-evident based on what we saw above. Ham radio helps keep our nation secure in times of emergency and Legion radio operators can be an important part of that infrastructure.

Americanism: Ham radio is Americana! It's a part of our history, culture, and heritage. Even in today's connected, high-tech world, ham radio keeps the pace as well as preserves "old-fashioned" communications methods that, again, are the only ones that work when other methods fail.

Children and Youth: Ham radio operators love to share their passion with the next generation! Reaching out to our youth in places like schools and Scouts give youth an exposure to the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and often gets them excited about careers in those fields. Legion hams are in a unique position to expose them to both the technology and how it might be applied in service to our nation.

Amateur radio is fun and exciting in and of itself, but it's a powerful combination with the American Legion and, because of this natural fit, it's why the American Legion created amateur radio clubs as part of the Legion in 2011. Post 209 recently created the first ham radio club in the Legion in Colorado! The Post 209 Neal Thomas Jr – Centennial Amateur Radio Club is underway. Come to our first official meeting on May 9th at 19:00 at the Post and learn more about ham radio and how we can help you get licensed and operate the station

we'll be installing at the Post very soon.



American Legion Post 209 Golf Tournament

Saturday August 10th, 2019
Kings Deer Golf Course, Monument, CO

- 7:00am Registration**
- 7:45am Rules briefing**
- 8:00am Play begins with a Shotgun Start**

1:00 p.m. Lunch in Clubhouse after play; Prizes are awarded

COST: \$125 per person. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, range balls, prizes, and lunch. There will also be opportunities to purchase Mulligans, etc. during Registration. We are also looking for Hole Sponsors. You can show your community pride by sponsoring a Hole for only \$300. Your name (or company name) will be prominently displayed on a placard and placed on a tee box.

FORMAT: Four-Person Scramble

PRIZES: Team low gross (3); Closest to the pin; Longest drive; Longest putt. We may offer other prizes, but the **REAL** prize is giving to those who have selflessly sacrificed for you by supporting programs of The American Legion.

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 can pay on the day of the Golf Tournament if you prefer, but we need a list of players before August 1st so we can set up the teams and give the Golf Course a final headcount.

Register on the back of this flyer and return to Mike Barger or fill out form online at www.legion209.org
For more information, please contact Mike at 719-290-3218 or email: mikebarger64@outlook.com

**Join us for this fun filled event!! All proceed go to support
American Legion Post 209 Programs and Local Veteran Programs!!**



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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

Only a couple of my buddies in my Memphis neighborhood hunted. But every single country friend and relative I had in Arkansas never missed a hunting season. And our weekend visits with grandparents on their Arkansas farms typically included a hunting or fishing trip, or both if there was something in season. Matter of fact, there were many places in the south that declared the first day of deer season a state holiday.

At both grandparents' farms, there was a large wooded area nearby. The woods were filled with gray and fox squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, bobcats, an occasional deer, and plenty of other varmints. There were even sightings of black panthers. In other words, there were plenty of animals to hunt.

The one standing rule from both grandfathers was you didn't hunt for sport. You hunted for food or to rid the area of varmints, like snakes, bobcats, and foxes. Even if we went bird hunting. We were cleared to always kill Bluejays', but never a Mocking Bird. Sparrows were also fair game, but we could only hunt those birds with BB guns. The larger birds, such as quail we could use a shotgun with bird shot. But we couldn't waste shotgun shells on a sparrow. That was a whipping guaranteed. It wasn't because they were trying to be mean, both grandparents lived "hand to mouth" as cotton and bean farmers. They didn't have extra income to spend on rounds to shoot just for fun.

My gun of choice back in the day was a single shot .22 and .410 over and under. It had a hammer and a little button slide on the side. I would slide it up for the .22 and down for the .410. That made for a perfect small game gun. If I was squirrel or rabbit hunting and caught them sitting still, I would always use the .22. If they were running, I'd slide the button down for the .410. I'd love to still have that gun, more for nostalgia than hunting. I've lost my taste for squirrel.

I remember being out hunting squirrels one day with Bubba (brother Eddie for you new readers) and a couple of cousins. We found a squirrel's nest up pretty high in a tree so we waited to see if the squirrel would come out or back to the nest. Bubba was never very patient (or bright) and after about 15 minutes, he decided to take a stick and climb the tree to run the squirrel out. Bubba was always pretty good at climbing trees. He put the stick in his mouth and climbed until he was about 3 feet from the nest. He wrapped his left arm around the trunk and with his right hand he took the stick out of his mouth and began punching at the nest.

Sure enough, the squirrel was in there and came jumping out the nest and directly on the top of Bubba's head. He let go of the stick and the trunk as he screamed and slapped at the frightened squirrel. I don't know who was more afraid, but I didn't hear the squirrel screaming so I'm thinking it was probably Bubba.

Fortunately, there were plenty of limbs and that broke his fall back earth. The ground was also a little soft from the recent rains. As soon as he hit the ground, the squirrel darted off. My cousins and I were laughing so hard we didn't even get a shot off at the squirrel. The hunt that day ended with squirrels = 1, hunters = 0. Bubba never volunteered to climb another tree to run a squirrel out of his nest. I guess he can learn something.

There was also one time I took my girlfriend and future bride with me on a squirrel hunt. Jackie was not a hunter, but she wanted to go just to spend time with me. So we took off into the woods near my grandparent's house. Most of the time we hunted with dogs, but on this occasion it was just me and Jackie. I found a great spot with about 4 squirrel nests in as many trees and close together. What made this spot even better was there a very large tree that had fallen and the trunk made a great natural bench where we could sit and watch all 4 nests without moving around.

Now those of you who have met Jackie know there are two things about her; she is vertically challenged and not very patient. When she sat on the tree trunk, her feet dangled about 6 inches off the ground. When you're "still" hunting for squirrels, it's important that you sit quiet. Too much movement or noise would scare the squirrels away.

It didn't take long for Jackie to get bored. She would kick her legs and the heel of her feet would act like drumsticks against the trunk. I would remind her she was making too much noise and she would stop...for about 5 minutes. After a while she would sigh heavily to let me know she was bored (she does that still today). Then she would ask, "So, how much longer before we see something?" or, "Are you ready to go yet?" Eventually, I also gave up knowing there was not going to be anything getting anywhere near us. That was my first and last hunting trip with Jackie, and she doesn't seem to care that I've never asked her to go again with me.

Those were great outings for many reasons. We put meat on the table and knowing we were the victors seemed to make the meat taste that much better. It was also very quiet and serene being out in the woods. Now, most of the meat I eat comes from Safeway or King Soopers. They get real irritated with you if you to the meat department with a shotgun or over and under.



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American Legion Riders 2019-2020

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Calendar of Events (see back page for May)

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)**

July 2019

- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; Post Honor Guard Training, 6:00pm
- 3rd; Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- **4th; Independence Day! Holiday!**
- 4th; Independence Day Post Picnic
- 12th; Auxiliary Dinner, **(RSVP Required!)** 6:00pm **(\$10.00)**
- 13th; Legion/Aux. General Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- 15th; ALR Executive Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- 19th, Steak Night, 6:00pm **(RSVP Required!)**
- 23rd; ALR Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hour, 5:30pm
- 23rd; SAL Monthly Meeting, 5:45pm
- 26th; Chef's Choice, 6:00pm, **(RSVP Required)**, **(\$10.50)**

May 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Instead of our morning General Membership meeting, we will have a dinner to install our newly elected Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary officers.			1	2 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	3 Price Varies with order Hamdogger 6:00pm 	4
5 Cinco De Mayo	6 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	7	8	9 Public Relations Meeting 6:00pm	10 \$10.00 Meal Aux. Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	11 RSVP Required! Membership Meeting & Dinner 5:30pm Installation of Officers   
12 Mother's Day	13 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	14	15	16 Capital Fund Meeting 7:00pm	17 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm ALR Exec. Board 6:00pm  	21	22	23	24 \$10.50 Meal Chef's Choice! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	25
26	27 Memorial Day Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	28 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm  	29	30	31	Notes:



Happy Mothers' Day!