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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Mike Barger



It's an honor being the Commander of this Post and being elected for a second year. I didn't realize how much work there really was to doing this job, but I'd like to thank you all for your support this last year. Here we are coming to the end of another Legion year and I'm sure you're asking yourself the same question I am, "Where has this year gone?" I can honestly say we've lived up to our motto, "The Little Post, Going Places and Doing Big Things". Here's a short recap of the year I believe shows the passion of this Post. First and foremost, we became the largest Post in the State, and it looks like we've retained this accolade for another year. This would not be possible without all the hard work from those that sold the Legion message to new members, to those that pushed all the others to renew. We had the honor and privilege of hosting both the new National Commander and National Auxiliary President. It's not every day that a Post can say that. It showed them exactly what Department thinks of us as a Post to bring them down to see us on their first initial visits. We've continued to raise up and support our Homeless Veterans by participating in the annual Stand Down to help get them off the streets. The Legion Riders had their most successful Poker Run last year, no to forget the great honor they've bestowed on Lynn Thomas by hosting a Memorial Ride in Neal's honor on the last Sunday of September every year moving forward. Biker Ball was a huge success for their first time hosting it. And we can't forget the food baskets that the Riders do every year at Thanksgiving. Donations come in from all Post programs to support this great cause.

We can't leave out Auxiliary. They say "Behind every man is a great woman". and I can attest to that, for they've done an amazing job representing the Auxiliary and the Legion in public and selling our message. Without these ladies, this Post would not be where we are today. I never hear them complain when it comes to helping out in the kitchen, to supporting the Veterans home in Florence, to the folks at All Patients Day in Pueblo, just to name a few. Then there's SAL. They're steadily selling the Legion message and contributing by holding gun raffles, hosting the Junior Shooting classes and the Child Welfare Fund. All the events I listed above would not have been successful without the support from Auxiliary and SAL. And thanks to Art, the club manager. Awesome job keeping us all fed and renting this facility out to the public. You all ROCK!!!

A lot of this costs money for us to do, and we have contributed in a way that we only know how to do, but there's a time where we need to "Say No", for we have to pay ourselves first before we can help others, and by that I mean, we seem to have more money going out than there is coming in. We're not the only Post that goes through this, but we seem to be doing quite a bit of it. If we continue down the path that we're going, we may not be able to keep this ship from sinking to the bottom here in the next 5 to 7 years. They say you have to spend money to make money, but we can't survive on just these little fund raising events we do. We need to come up with a BIG event that will pay us off in a big way. For example, the Riders in August and March, pulled in close to \$12,000 in just 2 events, but those 2 events took anywhere from 8 to 12 months planning, to be successful. Once they subtracted all the costs, they still put in their account, close to \$7,000. I know we can do this. We just need to find the right thing that will bring us the most bang for our buck. We never want to turn someone away, even if it's just for a tank of gas, but without the funds, we can't do it. This year we'll be establishing a Finance committee to look at and take this on. If you're business owner, we would like to speak to you and pick your brain to see what we're not doing and what we can do to plug these holes in our ship.

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



From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

May 7th we held our District 7 Convention at Post 209. Your new District Officers are as follows: President: Jackie Bowen, Vice President: Bettina Kossow, Secretary: Pat Weaver, Treasurer: Kellie Hayes, Chaplain: Jan Hinkley, Historian: Cathy Barger, Sgt-at-Arms: Joan Strickland, DEC: Cathy Barger.

This has been a busy year, here is few items we accomplished: annual Easter party, Butter Braids sales, Department Commander Jay Bowen's Homecoming and Department Auxiliary President Evelyn Espinola's Homecoming.

Ladies, thank you all for the support you have given me this year. We have worked hard this last year and I look forward to working alongside you all this coming year. Thank you to all of the ladies the have stepped up and served in a position.

Our next meeting, is June 10th at 10am. Plan on coming down and enjoy a warm breakfast before the meeting starts. Breakfast begins at 9am. Remember to look at the calendar for the various dinners that the Post hosts. It is a great time with great food and great friends!

The Auxiliary is putting together an American Legion Family Cookbook. All proceeds will be going to support the Post. We are accepting recipes from all the family members, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders. You can submit them to hayeskelliej@yahoo.com or bring them to any dinner or function at the Post and give them to Kellie Hayes. We will accept them photocopied, scanned and emailed, handwritten or any other way you can think of.

Annually we go to McCandless VA Nursing Home (August) in Florence for an Ice Cream Social and to Pueblo VA Nursing Home (Sept) for All Activities Day. More information in up coming newsletters.

Happy Birthday to the following: Dominique Attarian, Katherine Barger, Becky Hall, Carol Jean, Jaye Larsen, Reylicia Martinez, Evelyn Muckelrath, Janice Marie Sanders, Sue Shuck, June Swearingen, Donna Testorff, Cheryl Wash, and Sydney Weaver.

Still Serving Our Veterans Proudly!

Note: Our Auxiliary will be hosting the dinner for June, the cost is \$9.00. Please come down and support the Auxiliary, and make sure to RSVP to Jackie Bowen (719-574-1223) jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com.



From the Adjutant

Marvin Weaver, Jr.

Congratulations!! We have made our membership goal of 1,026 members and that is all due to the work that you have done to recruit new members and renew yourself.

The Consolidated Report (Annual Report) has been submitted and I can tell you that we continue to do a lot to help out our fellow Vets, our community and our children. Keep up the good work!! We still have more to do before the year is over and Department Convention is coming up.

Department Convention will be June 22 – 25 at the Hotel Elegante here in Colorado Springs. We have quite a few topics to discuss at Convention; it will definitely be a busy and informative time. If you want to see what has been going on within the state this year make plans to attend.

July 1st starts the new membership year and National will be mailing out renewal notices the last week of June. We do not send out the notices, they are all generated from National. Once we receive your payment we process your renewal to Department. Department processes the renewal and sends it to National. You can see that this takes some time and sometimes does not make it to National before the next round of mailings. One way to keep from getting multiple renewal notices is to send in your payment once you receive the notice.

Thanks for everything you have done to help our Post!



Motorcycle Minute

Bob "Einstein" Caddell; President

So far the year has flown by. We had the Bikers Ball in March, our Bents Fort run in April, the Run for the Wall in May.

We honored World War two Veteran James Hibbard by doing a rifle salute at his funeral to show we stand for all the Veterans who have or don't have family to attend. Over 40 Veterans showed to give their support from Posts 209, 38, 2008, VFW, DAV, and Patriot Guard. We even had a Legion member from the Shanghai China Post. In conversation with him he's one of 6 members in a Post that will never "as he put it" be manned again because of the Communist regime.

Hawaiian night was a big success this year as in past years. We had great food, great company, and great entertainment. If you missed it I feel for you, you missed something AWESOME. The younger dancers this year were as good as the older dancers from last year. A great time was had by all.

We provided rifle honors for VFW Army Veteran Onley Vigil who was tragically taken from us in a car vs motorcycle accident. Thanks Pat, & Cricket. Keep Cricket in your thoughts as she was injured after the ceremony. She may need some assistance because her injury affects her ability to ride her bike.

We performed rifle duties at the DAV for Memorial Day. We were asked if we could do something at the Sun Ridge Retirement center but it was too late for this year. Hopefully next year.

I'm glad we had our Bents Fort run when we did because the weather turned and there was flooding in La Junta and the surrounding area. During the ride we hooked up with Post 9 and made new friends, I'm looking forward to next year.

The Run for the Wall had a great turn out in Fountain. Thanks Bill Burd, Kevin Dierdorff, Sgt Ski, David and Becky for attending. I went to Fountain with Post 38 and then up to Falcon to stand with Post 2008. The amount of bikes was lighter this year but it was still a great experience. Mr. Winkie saw us off at the Post again. He sure likes his vest.

The 26th of May was the Rolling Thunder POW/MIA seat dedication at Sky Sox's stadium. It was an emotional presentation and it was an honor to participate in the ceremony. We have more to come in the next half of the year and we look forward to doing it with you the Legion Family.

Fair winds and Following Seas.



American Legion Family Cookbook



The Auxiliary is putting together an American Legion Family Cookbook. All proceeds will be going to support the Post. What do we need you ask?

Recipes! Recipes! Recipes! All categories including appetizers, beverages, main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, snacks, etc.

We would like recipes from all the family members, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders. You can submit them to hayeskelliej@yahoo.com or bring them to any dinner or function at the Post and give them to Kellie Hayes. We will accept them photocopied, scanned and emailed, handwritten or any other way you can think of. Samples are always welcome, haha. Our goal is to have this completed and ready to sell by the end of the summer.



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WALK OF HONOR

Buy A Brick Fundraiser!

If you have attended some of our meetings over the past several months, 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 \$75 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 \$125 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.



Let's Have a Picnic!



Put it on your calendar!

We are planning our annual 4th of July Picnic on Tuesday, 4 July beginning 12 noon.

We will precede the picnic with a Flag Disposal Ceremony at 10:00am. This very important and somber ceremony will involve the entire Post 209 family and our Scouts.

The Picnic is side dish potluck, so bring a dish large enough to provide food for you and your guest(s) and we ask that you add a little extra for others who may want to sample your offering.

The Post will provide the meat. It will be Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the “fixin’s (that’s condiments for you folks who don’t understand picnic talk)!

No RSVP is required, but it may be advisable to let Cathy Barger know what you intend to bring so we don’t wind up with 15 bowls of baked beans.



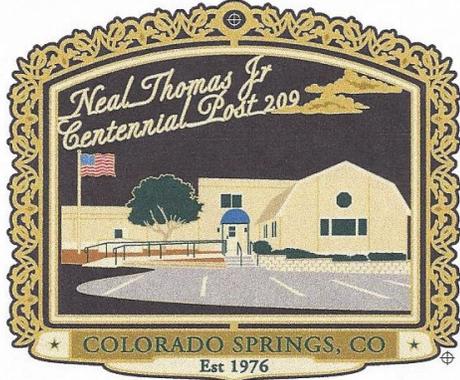
Junior Shooting Sports Update Ken Taylor, Chairman



Please note the following changes to our program. We are moving our new shooters class from Wednesday evenings to Thursday evenings beginning with the fall 2017 class. The class will start on Thursday September 14th at 6:30 PM. NRA Marksmanship Will Start on Wednesday September 13, 2017 from 4:30 to 8:30 PM. Have a great summer!



Auxiliary Fundraiser; Christmas Ornament Jackie Bowen, Past Unit President



We are accepting orders for the newly designed and “One-of-a-Kind” Neal Thomas Jr.-Centennial Post 209 Christmas Ornament. The ornaments are on order and are expected to arrive in the August or September time frame.

As you can imagine, this will almost immediately be a collector’s item as it features our Post home and name. It should make for a beautiful gift for someone special or for yourself and a lasting memory of the best American Legion family Post in Colorado.

This lacquered brass ornament is approximately 2 1/4” high by 2 3/4” wide. We will be selling the ornaments for only \$12.00 each.

They will look great on any Christmas Tree or displayed prominently on a shelf in your home.

Please consider supporting our Auxiliary fundraiser with a purchase. All proceeds will go to help our local area Veterans and their family. Contact me with questions and to buy one of these great ornaments.

Thanks in advance and Merry Christmas (yes, I know we’re early, but this is a Christmas fundraiser)!



A Message From Our Post 209 Games’ Manager - June

Your help is needed with raffles and Pull-Tabs during Post activities. The only requirement is that you be a currently paid up member of the Post 209 family and a willingness to learn. If interested, please contact Joyce Taylor at 719-495-8190 or Ken Taylor at 719-761-4047.



From Squadron 209 - June Commander Ken Taylor

Welcome our newly elected officers for the 2017/2018 year. They will assume their new role immediately following our Detachment Convention.

COMMANDER: Ken Taylor
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: Marvin Weaver, Jr.
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER: Stan (Sgt. Ski) Krasinski
FINANCE OFFICER: Rusty Bower
ADJUTANT: Rick Kettering
CHAPLAIN: Shelten Krasinski
SGT-AT-ARMS: Steve Cox
HISTORIAN: Eric Testorff
SQUADRON ADVISOR: Don Shuck

****NOTE****

OUR MONTHLY MEETING TIME HAS BEEN MOVED UP FROM 6:pm TO 5:45.



“Suits for Troops” Drive

Save the Date!

What? We are working with the Blue Star Mothers to conduct a “Suits for Troops” Drive

Where? Centennial Post 209 at 3613 Jeannine Drive.

When? 6 August; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Why? To provide suitable clothing for our active duty military members departing Service that need assistance getting a new “uniform” for the next phase of their career.

FAQ:

Are you only taking suits?

No. We are looking for any nice clothes that men and women can wear to a job interview and/or civilian work.

Can you give me an example of what is needed?

Suits, Blazers, Sports Jackets, Dress Shirts, Ties, Ladies Dress Slacks, Ladies Dress Outfits, Shoes (men and women); really any dress article of clothing that is new or slightly worn, etc.

Do I need to have the clothes dry cleaned prior to donating?

It would be very helpful if they were, but it is not required.

Tell your Friends and Neighbors! We will be more than happy to provide a receipt for tax purposes for all donated items.



From the Historian

Eric Testorff

Some of us of a certain age, remember the 1960's TV series "Combat" starring Rick Jason and Vic Morrow. I was taking a brief journey down memory lane watching Combat episodes when the theme song jogged my memory. The Combat theme shifts into snippets of the old song, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

While "Combat" was set during World War II, I had for some reason, grown up thinking that "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" was a World War I song. I was familiar with other songs from WWI such as "Over There" and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary". But the thought nagged me enough that I decided to trace the origins of "Johnny." Lo and behold, it isn't a WWI song at all, but one - like "Taps" - that traces back to the American Civil War.

Irish-American bandleader Patrick Gilmore published his lyrics to "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" in September 1863, and it was deposited into the Library of Congress under the name of "Louis Lambert." Apparently, publishing under a pseudonym was all the rage in those days. As for the music, an undated print of Gilmore's lyrics states that the song should be sung to the tune of "Johnny Fill Up the Bowl," a Civil War drinking song. Reading this made me think of our "Star Spangled Banner" as originating from a British tavern song. I can imagine Union or Confederate soldiers raising their cups in the air to shout, "Hurrah! Hurrah".

But the song was not about taverns or drinking, or combat or heroism for that matter. Patrick Gilmore had written it for his sister Annie. During the war, Annie Gilmore would fervently pray for the safe return of her fiancé, Union Light Artillery Captain John O'Rourke. The song reflected a wish and a prayer that John, and loved ones like him, would return from the battlefield.

When Johnny comes marching home again
Hurrah! Hurrah!
We'll give him a hearty welcome then
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The men will cheer and the boys will shout
The ladies they will all turn out
And we'll all feel gay
When Johnny comes marching home

John O'Rourke did come marching home to his Annie, but with huge numbers of Civil War casualties, the song was at the same time quite poignant for many. Popular on Union and Confederate sides alike, its words of hope and celebration nevertheless carried the weight of sadness and irony. Patrick Gilmore's language may seem a bit dated 150 years later, but the sentiments are universal and timeless: Families and communities hope and pray for the day when Johnny comes marching home.



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

Origin of NAVY Terminology

Rusty Bower



Sun Over the Yardarm

This phrase is widely used, both afloat and ashore, to indicate that the time of day has been reached at which it is acceptable, variously, to have lunch or (more commonly) to have an alcoholic beverage. In modern parlance, the latter usage typically refers to early evening, but the phrase is thought originally to have referred to late morning and to the sun's ascent past a particular yard.

The actual time that the sun would pass a particular yard would depend greatly on the ship's latitude and heading, as well as the height of her masts, but the phrase seems to have originated in the north Atlantic, where, in summer, this would have typically been at about 11 a.m. This was the time at which, by custom and rule, the first rum, tot or grog of the day was issued to men (the senior rates had their tots neat, while the junior rates had theirs diluted with water), hence its connection with taking one's first drink of the day.

The earliest mention of this phrase is in Rudyard Kipling's, *From Sea to Sea* in 1899, where it is used as a metaphor referring to drinking habits.



DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA?

Help has Arrived

What? Our American Legion Department Service Office will be in Colorado Springs the 4th Saturday of every Month during most of 2017.

Where? Centennial Plaza

Time? 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Why? To provide information and assistance to any qualified veteran.

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
WE WILL TRY TO RE-INSTATE VISITS TO POST 209 IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE MEANTIME, ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED AT THE SERVICE OFFICER'S LAKEWOOD OFFICE. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

FAQ:

Do I have to be a member of the American Legion?

No. We Will Offer Assistance to Any Qualified Veteran.

Do I need an Appointment?

No, but it is Recommended. Call 303-914-5585 to Make an Appointment, but Walk-ins are Welcome.

What Do I Bring?

DD214, as well as the following that pertains to your situation: Marriage Certificate; Divorce Decree; Death Certificate; and any Civilian Medical Records.



Tell your Veteran Friends and Neighbors!



Bringing a Little South to the West

By Past Post Commander Jay Bowen

I don't recall ever having a fear of snakes, but I've learned to have a healthy respect for those slimy reptiles. There was a time however, that I didn't even have respect for them and there's been a few instances where that nonchalant attitude could have been costly.

On one of the many summer vacation visits to my grandparents' farm in Arkansas, we met up with the neighbor kids across the gravel road. Sammy and Ray Weaver were about the same age as me and brother Eddie (Bubba to those who follow my writings). Unlike my Granddad, their father raised cattle instead of crop farming. Where Granddad used all of his acreage to plant cotton and soy beans, the Weavers' land was mostly used for pasture.

And like most cattle farmers, they had a pond. It wasn't large, about 50 yards across and wide, but to 11 and 12 year old boys, it was a great source of pleasure. The pond was muddy and probably not more than 3 or 4 feet deep, but it didn't matter to us. It was also a home for bull frogs and crawdads. We would sometimes take our .22 rifle (when we had the money for shells, which wasn't very often), stand on the banks and see how many bull frogs we could shoot. We were always very sporting about it and made certain we only targeted the frogs on the other side of the pond. And after the incident with my other grandfather where we used his .22 to kill bull frogs and didn't bother to bring them home for supper, we learned the hard way (sore butt and all) they also made for some pretty good eats. When we didn't have money for the .22 rounds, we'd take our Daisy BB guns. BB's were much cheaper than .22s. The guns were pretty good, but not as accurate as the .22. Still, it was great fun. And when we wanted to go fishing, we'd get some large sticks or tree branches, go to the pond, stand on the waters' edge and lay the branches as far out as the branch would reach, then we'd push the branch underwater to the bottom and "sweep" toward the shore. When the water receded from our sweep, we'd snatch up the crawdads that got caught up in the branch and was swept to shore. They were pretty good catfish bait.

It was on one of those occasions while "sweeping" for crawdads that we found a snake in the pond. We had no idea what type it was, but even if we had known it wouldn't have mattered. We had clubs and the snake became the next source of amusement...at least for us.

We took up positions around the pond and waited. As soon as one of us spotted the snake popping up out of the water and close enough to take a swing, we'd smack the water (and occasionally the snake) with our mighty tree limbs. We played this game for about 10 minutes and then I can only assume the snake decided he didn't want to play anymore.

We were looking around and waiting for him to re-surface, when all of a sudden Bubba "screamed he's coming at me!" I was standing at about a 3:00 position from him and watched as he raised the limb over his head and came down into the water with as much power as he could muster. Fortunately, his aim and strength was just enough to bury the snake's head into the muddy shore. Within seconds, the rest of us joined him and took turns slamming the rest of the snake into the ground until we were certain he was dead.

We stuck a stick under his lifeless body, even though he would still weakly wriggle. Interesting thing about snakes that I was taught at a very young age. According to legend, even when a snake dies, it will continue to contract and move until sunset. I don't have any idea if that's true, but I can tell you I've killed a lot of snakes and every one of them would still wiggle a little even after it died. I never hung around until dark to find out if it stopped, I guess I either assumed it did, or I didn't care enough to find out.

Anyway, we picked up the approximate 3 foot snake on the stick and carried it to Mr. Weaver who was on his tractor tearing up the garden. We showed off our trophy and asked him what kind of snake it was. He told us it was a Cottonmouth or Water Moccasin as we called them. There are only 4 deadly species of snakes in the US, and this was one of them. They are not known for being aggressive, but I guess we pushed it too far and he attacked. We got lucky.

I've had other encounters with snakes over the years, but it was on that day I began to gain a respect for the reptile. I'm not scared of them, but if I see one I'll give them an opportunity to get out of my way. That is unless Jackie is with me. She HATES all snakes and believes the only good snake is a dead snake.



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Historian	Eric Testorff	719-510-4177

June 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	2 Price Varies with order Hamdogger 6:00pm 	3
4	5 Honor Guard Mtg/Tng 6:00pm 	6	7	8	9 \$9.00 Meal Aux. Dinner RSVP Required! 6:00pm 	10 \$8.50 Breakfast Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am
11	12 Honor Guard Mtg/Tng 6:00pm 	13	14 Flag Day US Army Birthday! 242 Years!	15	16 Steak Night! CANCELLED!	17
18 Father's Day	19 Honor Guard Mtg/Tng 6:00pm ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23 Chef Surprise! CANCELLED!	24
25 Dept. Convention	26	27 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 6:00pm 	28	29	30	Notes:
Department Convention; Elegante Hotel, Colorado Springs						

July 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Canada Day
2	3 Honor Guard Mtg/Tng 6:00pm 	4 Independence Day Flag Disposal Ceremony Post Picnic! 	5	6 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	7 Hamdogger CANCELLED!	8 \$8.50 Breakfast Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
9	10	11	12	13	14 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	15
16	17 Honor Guard Mtg/Tng 6:00pm ALR Executive Board 6:00pm  	18	19	20	21 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	22
23	24	25 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 6:00pm  	26	27	28 \$10.50 Meal Chef Surprise! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	29 McCandless VA Retirement Home BBQ 
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6 Suits for Troops! Post 209; 1-4pm 	7 Honor Guard Mtg/Tng 6:00pm 	8	9	10	11 \$9.00 Meal Aux. Dinner RSVP Required! 6:00pm 	12 \$8.50 Breakfast Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
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