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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

I hope everyone had a safe 4th of July, enjoyed the time you had with your family and kept in your thoughts and prayers, those that couldn't be home with their family to celebrate our Country's birthday. We had a great turn out for the flag disposal ceremony and the potluck.

We had two appointed positions available on the executive board this year and those positions have been filled. Larry Johnson has been appointed the new Judge Advocate and Lyle Hagelberg continues as Service Officer. Both of these guys bring leadership qualities to their positions and to this Post and I look forward to working with them this year.

A goal of mine this year is to see if we can get just one more person to step up and volunteer some of their time to the Post when needed. The definition of volunteer is "a person who voluntarily offers him/herself to a service or undertaking and does it willingly without pay." Without the help from others, we wouldn't be able to do what we do best for this Post and this community. I'd like to thank all those folks that have stepped up and volunteered in the last month. The executive board appreciates your time to keep this Post going.

The next big event that's happening at the Post that will require volunteers is the ALR 1st Annual Poker Run on August 27th. We've got our work cut out for us this year, for the Post has been double booked on this day by accident, so we need as many folks as we can get to pull this off. The riders could sure use our assistance to make this event a huge success like it was last year. If you'd like to assist, please contact one of the rider officers and they'll gladly get you assigned to a volunteer duty. Auxiliary will be doing breakfast again this year along with taking money for registration fees. SAL will be asked to assist again with the grilling of hamburgers and hotdogs at the end of the event. Riders will also be looking for folks to help sell raffle tickets. Also, if you have something you'd like to donate to the riders for the raffles or door prizes, please get with Andy Gilbert and he'll graciously take it off your hands. We have a couple of nice items that will be auctioned off, so make sure to bring your money. Any questions on this can be directed to Andy or me. Next, we still need to come up with ways to generate funds so we can continue to keep this Post solvent, so we can continue to support those that come in our door and ask for assistance. Quite a few folks come in for the weekly dinners, but that doesn't generate enough to keep this Post going. We need to take care of ourselves first, and then we can help others. If you have any ideas on what you'd like to see us do to generate more funds, please bring them forward, and remember we'd like for you to assist with this. What a perfect way to volunteer your time.

Remember, the brick project is still ongoing. Phase 1 of the project is to landscape in front and around the flag pole. What a perfect way to honor a loved one by placing a brick with their name and military branch on it, so those that come to the post will recognize their service to this great nation and they don't need to be a member to have a brick displayed.

It's an honor to be recognized as the largest Post in the state, so we have our work cut out for us to keep our membership numbers where they are, and then some. Renewal notices have been sent out, so it's never too early to get that sent in. Remember, the more we grow, the more we can do for our local Veterans and our community. Also, district officers will be visiting us at the August general membership meeting.

Remember, your service to this nation doesn't end when you take off the uniform and hang it in the closet.



From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

The Auxiliary had a great time at the 4th of July Flag Disposal Ceremony by helping with the food and being a part of the ceremony. What a great way to honor our country and its most prized symbol of freedom. We had a great turnout at the 4th of July potluck.

Please join us on August 20th for the Ice Cream Social at McCandless Nursing home in Florence, The fun starts at 2:00p.m.

ALR will be hosting their 1st Annual Poker Run on August 27th. ALR has asked the Auxiliary to do the breakfast for this event and we will be asking for Auxiliary members to help with setting up and serving breakfast. Breakfast is from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We could also use volunteers for selling raffle tickets and setting up the raffle item tables.

Macy's "Shop For A Cause" is Friday, August 26th thru Saturday August 28th. Please mark this on your calendars and as in years' past our Unit is selling the coupons for \$5 each as a fundraiser. They may be purchased at the Post during our events or you can email or call us and we will make arrangements to get one to you. You get 25% off all day on regular, sale & clearance items.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Bunker, Nancy Givan, Pamela Krzeczowski, Judy Moore, Vicki Robinson, Elizabeth Sanchez and Fran Sena. Make sure to wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

The ALR dinner for August is Chili and dessert. Please come down and support the Riders, and make sure to RSVP.



From the Senior Vice Commander

Lino Calica

I would like to do an update status on my granddaughter Khianna Calica. She was introduced to Girls State in Lake Stevens, WA in 2012, and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 181 was her sponsor. Khianna was selected to be one of the Senators to represent Washington at the 2012 Girls Nation event in Washington DC.

Her experience at Girls State enhanced her opportunities in her senior year of High School, college and life. The leadership skills she learned at Girls State has enabled to her to achieve leadership positions in different organizations within Syracuse University. Khianna is the Vice President of Chapter Operations, in her sorority Alpha Phi, she is a physical fitness trainer, and recently was accepted into Syracuse University Newhouse School of Public Communications. She made a change in her ROTC program from Air Force to Marines. In June of this year, Khianna completed her first phase of Marine Officer Candidate school (OCS) boot camp in Quantico, VA. A few days after graduating from OCS, she journeyed to Bogota, Columbia, interning with one of Columbia's top media company, Lulo Films. Lulo films have collaborated with Discovery Channel and National Geographic. After returning from Bogota, she will start her senior year at Syracuse and graduate with a Television Radio film degree with a specialization in Sports Management.



Khianna is the first to acknowledge that Girls State has given her so many opportunities that she would not have otherwise. Girls State is a wonderful program for young ladies. My wife and I had the opportunity to meet the Washington State Director for Girls State, as Khianna was asked to be a counselor for Girls State the following year. To watch our granddaughter on stage, speaking to new Girls State recruits was priceless.



Support the Boys State and Girls State program; I have firsthand experience of how it can change a young adult life. I congratulate Kellie Hayes for a job well done with this year's Girl State recruits. She had a record of 32 recruits, what a success.

ALA Girls Nation 2012 Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyYBX19J1o>

Khianna can be seen at: .44, .54, 1:13, 1:23, and 2:28 in the video.



It was an awesome night at the Olympic Training Center! On July 11th, Ten of our Young Guns graduates had the privilege of shooting on the OTC range and participated in a contest for bronze, silver and gold! The night was made complete when they got to meet two Olympic athletes, Emily Stith and Mike Tagliapietra. Some shooters even had their pictures taken with them. Emily Stith is a High School Senior and is 4th in the nation in Precision Air Rifle. Mike Tagliapietra will be competing for Gold in Pistol at the next Para Olympics. What a great opportunity for our young shooters! Many thanks to Mr. Jim Shaver and the OTC for inviting us and giving our shooters a wonderful experience!

The next Junior Shooting class starts on September 14th, 2016. The class is open to all youth ages 10 through 18 but is limited to 12 students. At this writing, there are 5 openings left. We meet on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 PM for the 9 week course. The class is held at American Legion Post 209, 3613 Jeannine Drive, Colorado Springs, CO. The cost is \$25 and that is the only cost students will incur. We provide Air Rifles, Safety glasses, books and all related equipment. We have NRA Certified Instructors and NRA Certified Range Safety officers. All Instructors have passed background checks per the American Legion for those working with youth.

You can check us out on Facebook where there are pictures and a video. Just go to legion209.org and click on the Young Guns Icon on the lower left side of the Home Page.

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From the Jr. Vice Commander - To Serve

Bob Caddell

As I sit here drinking my mug of coffee anticipating July 4, flipping channels' I come upon the "Revolution" on the History channel. A documentary on the War of Independence that started our country. I sat and reflected on why I joined the Navy while seeing what our founding Veterans had to bear at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777. During the World Wars, some of our relatives felt it was such a responsibility to serve that they lied about their age to join. I heard we had this happen during Vietnam also.

We all had/have our reasons for joining the Military branch that we did. Some to follow in the foot steps of their parents. Some in the footsteps of their grandparents, uncles, brothers and so on. I joined to follow my brother into the Navy and to get out of the small town that to me showed no future. When I joined in the spring of 1975, the Vietnam War was officially declared over on April 30 so all we had at that time was the Cold War. People think that the Vietnam Veterans were all drafted but that is a false hood. During the Early 60's all of our men and women in uniform were volunteers. Following and fighting for the country that they were raised to believe was the defender of freedom. It was not until the late 60's that the draft was instituted.

I was naive enough to think that the service I would do would be quiet with no conflicts and the world was at a kind of peace; for the most part it was. I was to serve for 9 years, wanting to do my 20 but as they say, "well that didn't go as planned." I was discharged in 84. Seven years before the Gulf war and the beginning of a 25-year involvement in the conflicts in the Middle East. Then September 11 2001 occurred. I can tell you where I was and how I felt when I saw the second plane hit the tower of the World Trade center. Almost the same feelings when the Challenger exploded in 1986. From here no call for Soldiers, Marines, Sailors or Air Force was issued. The country was in a stupor but our young saw the attack and made the decision to join up to repel the war on terror.

Now 15 years have past and nearly 2 million new Veterans are among our ranks with proud service following in the footsteps of the Veterans of Valley Forge. People will say that the fight is only for oil that the Middle East has, but as a Veteran, we all know it is for something that you cannot touch but you can see and feel -peace-. That's what the fighting men & women put their life on the line for everyday. I sleep well because of our sentinels of peace that's willing to give their life and time to ensure the bad guy doesn't benefit from his evil ways. I thank all of our Veterans whether you did 2 or 22, whether you deployed or not; you gave your best years to defend and serve.

I salute you and thank you for serving.



From the Service Officer

Lyle Hagelberg

I find it hard to get phone calls from Veterans asking for monetary assistance. This is a difficult assignment for me. I hate to say no! I want to ask them how much they need and write a check. However, that isn't always a possibility for our Post. We have limited funds and very little sources of income. Veterans groups; VFW, DAV and Legion donate monies to these causes and I am most grateful. But coordination takes time.

This past month I had a Veteran call to ask for help. He moved here from NC because he heard Colorado Springs was a good place to live and people took care of Veterans. All I could do was give him phone numbers of various organizations that assist single and married Veterans. The best our Legion could do for him was \$250 from the Colorado Veterans Kids Fund. An hour later I got a call from a Veteran with a wife and child who said he was about to be evicted. Although I wanted to ask him why he waited until now to call, I didn't. I just listened to him and went down the list of assisting organizations. I also told him that if he had the required documents we could apply for Temporary Financial Assistance thru National. I explained that process could take from 7-14 days. He said he'd let me know. Then I got a call from a Veteran whose utilities will be cut the next day if he didn't pay \$198. A few minutes later the fourth call; a Veteran with wife and two children in hotel room. He needed money to continue the hotel. As usual I told what documents we required and that we'd only be able to give him \$250 if the Kids Fund approved it. Wow! Don't know why I don't shut that phone off.

This isn't a normal day (thank the Lord)! In the event anyone interested in doing this kind of work please let the commander know. Until that time I will continue to serve - FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.



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 2016.

Where? Centennial Post 209 at 3613 Jeannine Drive.

Time? 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Why? To assist our local Veterans with Claims and to Provide Information Related to Their Medical Benefits.

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!





From the Historian Eric Testorff

On 1 February, 1943 in North Africa, an enemy fighter attacking a 97th Bomb Group formation went out of control, probably with a wounded pilot, then continued its crashing descent into the rear of the fuselage of a Fortress named All American, piloted by Lt. Kendrick R. Bragg of the 414th Bomb Squadron.

When it struck, the fighter broke apart, but left some pieces in the B-17. The left horizontal stabilizer of the Fortress and left elevator were completely torn away. The two right engines were out and one on the left had a serious oil pump leak.

The vertical fin and the rudder had been damaged, the fuselage had been cut almost completely through, connected only at two small parts of the frame and the radios, electrical and oxygen systems were damaged.

There was also a hole in the top that was over 16 feet long and 4 feet wide at its widest, and the split in the fuselage went all the way to the top gunners turret. Although the tail actually bounced and swayed in the wind and twisted when the plane turned and all the control cables were severed, except one single elevator cable still worked, and the aircraft still flew - miraculously!



The tail gunner was trapped because there was no floor connecting the tail to the rest of the plane. The waist and tail gunners used parts of the German fighter and their own parachute harnesses in an attempt to keep the tail from ripping off and the two sides of the fuselage from splitting apart. While the crew was trying to keep the bomber from coming apart, the pilot continued on his bomb run and released his bombs over the target.

When the bomb bay doors were opened, the wind turbulence was so great that it blew one of the waist gunners into the broken tail section. It took several minutes and four crew members to pass him ropes from parachutes and haul him back into the forward part of the plane. When they tried to do the same for the tail gunner, the tail began flapping so hard that it began to break off.

The weight of the gunner was adding some stability to the tail section, so he went back to his position. The turn back toward base at Biskra, Algeria had to be very slow to keep the tail from twisting off. They actually covered almost 70 miles to make the turn to home base. The bomber was so badly damaged that it was losing altitude and speed and was soon alone in the sky. For a brief time, two more Me-109 German fighters attacked the All American. Despite the extensive damage, all of the machine gunners were able to respond to these attacks and soon drove off the fighters.

The two waist gunners stood up with their heads sticking out through the hole in the top of the fuselage to aim and fire their machine guns. The tail gunner had to shoot in short bursts because the recoil was actually causing the plane to turn. Allied P-51 fighters intercepted the All American as it crossed over its home base and took one of the pictures shown. They also radioed to the base describing that the empennage was waving like a fish tail and that the plane would not make it and to send out boats to rescue the crew when they bailed out. The fighters stayed with the Fortress taking hand signals from Lt. Bragg and relaying them to the base. Lt. Bragg signaled that 5 parachutes and the spare had been "used" so five of the crew could not bail out. He made the decision that if they could not bail out safely, then he would stay with the plane and land it. 2 1/2 hours after being hit, the aircraft made its final turn to line up with the runway while it was still over 40 miles away.

It descended into an emergency landing and a normal roll-out on its landing gear. When the ambulance pulled alongside, it was waved off because not a single member of the crew had been injured. No one could believe that the aircraft could still fly in such a condition. The Fortress sat placidly until the crew all exited through the door in the fuselage and the tail gunner had climbed down a ladder, at which time the entire rear section of the aircraft collapsed onto the ground. The rugged old bird had done its job.



From The Commander Squadron 209

Ken Taylor

On Independence Day weekend, Neal Thomas Jr Centennial Squadron 209 visited Laurel Manor Care Center to honor the Veterans residing there. Those present were SAL Commander Ken Taylor, SAL Junior Vice Commander Rick Kettering, SAL Adjutant Steve Wolford, Post Commander Mike Barger and Post member Bill Burd. American Flags and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to 23 Veterans from the Legion Family (Post, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders) at Post 209. From the smiles we saw on many faces, I believe the recognition was very much appreciated. The Staff informed us that a simple visit is one of the best things we can do and the certificates and flags are a great addition. Without the service and sacrifice of Veterans like these, we could not enjoy the blessings of freedom that we have today.



ALR Motorcycle Minute

Andy Gilbert, President

July started out with a big bang at our Post. Our tradition of Retiring Old Glory on the fourth of July was truly heartfelt. As I look back over the years, I remember our fallen brothers and sisters who died serving our country. These flags represented the unwavering duty to our country from those who have served, are serving and who will serve in the future. It is our defined honor to show the proper respect to our flag and all that it stands for in our society. I was especially touched when seeing our youth involved. They are our future and set a great example for our future. 4th of July Potluck was terrific and a good time was had by all. It was a great time to enjoy each other. Thank everyone who participated.

We have some awesome events coming up. July 30th is a great time to ride down to McCandless Veteran's Home. Our Veterans in the nursing home truly look forward to our visitation. It's not just the sounds of the motorcycles coming up the road to greet them, it's the time we spend together and listen to their history which makes it so special. Anyone who would like to join us would be welcome. You don't even have to own a motorcycle.

Our 1st Annual Poker Run is coming up Aug 27th. We are looking forward to all of our family participating just like last year. The Auxiliary made an incredible breakfast and registered the motorcycles on the run. We had great support at each of our motorcycle stops and finished the ride with great food, prizes and auction items in the end. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Don't forget that we are starting to collect for the food drive. August is a great time to start gathering food for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. I am reminded that for those of whom much is given, much is required. Let us bless others and be blessed in the process. God Bless you.



From the Sergeant-at-Arms
“Sgt. Ski”

Good day American Patriots. I don't think I could say this any better, nor have I heard it stated better than this month's thoughts from one of my favorite mentors.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.

We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.

It must be fought for, protected, and handed down for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th President of The United States of America

Thank you all for your service to this country and please have a great day!



From the Adjutant
Marvin Weaver, Jr.

The 2017 renewal notices have gone out. The best way to stop receiving the notices is for you to send in your renewal as soon as you receive the notice. I will get them processed as quickly as possible.

The fourth Friday dinner has been changed from Fish Fry/Chicken Fried Steak night to **Chefs Surprise**. We will send out an email each month and do our best to get the info each month into our newsletter to let you know what we will be having that night each month.

Thanks for all that you do to help make Post 209 successful.



From the Judge Advocate
Larry Johnson

Here it is 8:45 pm on the 15th of July and my newsletter article is supposed to be turned in for inclusion into the Post newsletter.

I would like to say thanks to Commander Mike Barger and the Executive Committee for appointing me as the Judge Advocate for the Post and its members.

I hope that I will be able to accomplish what Chuck Zeitvogel did in his many years as Judge Advocate. I know that I will stand ready to help in any way that I can.

As is always the case, when you have to write an article, what can you say without getting into another officer's territory? I guess if you are someone like me, you just plug ahead.

I have had a great time when I found out that a Past Commander of the Post and Past Department Adjutant was once again living in Colorado Springs. I have had the chance to talk with him on two separate occasions and catch up on things. John, I hope that you will find a way to come to our meetings. One topic of discussion with John was that if you are rated at 70% or more from the VA, you qualify to live in an assisted care facility without losing your rating with the VA.

I, along with Commander Mike Barger (at his invite), attended the Colorado Springs Utilities picnic and talked with many potential members about the American Legion Family. We handed out literature, but more importantly we were able to provide information that people did not know about. As with all venues, the statement that comes across the most was “I didn't realize that I qualified to be a member of the American Legion Family.”

I will be representing you next month at the National Convention in Ohio and I hope to be able to bring a lot of information to you.

As I close, please remember, it takes all of us working together to accomplish the things that we have done in the past.

Until next time...



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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.

Bringing a Little South to the West - August

By Department Commander Jay Bowen

People today think they are using cutting edge technology. I've got news for them; I enjoyed many of those same luxuries as a young married adult and even when I was a kid growing up. The application was a little different, but the end result was the same.

For example, my Dad had TV remote control, as did I after I got married and had kids. The only restriction was that Dad's remote control and mine a few years later went to bed at 9:00pm, so we had to get up and change the channel ourselves. But during the day, all we had to do was speak what channel we wanted to watch, and the TV channel was changed. By the way, that feature never worked well when trying to implement it with a short blonde. I guess she had trouble understanding the command.

My parents also had Caller ID. It was actually the same tools that provided the TV remote control functions. Often, when the phone rang one of us four kids answered it and depending on the caller, Mom and/or Dad was either busy, pre-occupied elsewhere, or not at home. That led to another advanced technological feature; voicemail. We would take down the message and deliver it to our parents. The message wasn't always 100% correct, but even today messages are sometimes garbled and hard to understand.

I remember the first time I saw a commercial about pay TV. It was going to change the way we thought about watching television and how we were going to access special channels. In my mind, I envisioned a small box with the outside antenna cable or "rabbit ears" connected to it, and a coin slot on top, sitting on the TV. I imagined we would have to put a quarter in the slot to get the picture to appear. I wasn't really clear on who owned the box, but I guess I thought it would be a department of our Government. Interesting that I wasn't too far off the mark.

I remember when calculators became the big thing for solving mathematical problems. We had that when I was in grade school. Back then it was called a #2 lead pencil. The pencil came with an erase function built in to it, which in my case was very handy. Many times the pencil was only half used before the eraser was worn down to the metal. Today, as I constantly tell Jackie I can use a pencil down to just a stub and still have an eraser never used. Matter of fact, I tell her the only reason we have erasers are for her use. :)

One of the coolest devices I remember was the Word Processor. Although when I was in high school it was called Typing class and we used electric typewriters. But these devices were like magic. We could back-space, erase a letter or word with the white tape that was either underneath the ribbon (depending on the model of the typewriter), or the small sheets of correction tape. Version 2.0 provided us with liquid correction that you applied with a very small brush applicator. Again, I told Jackie we only needed that when she needed to do word processing.

There were many other highly advanced technological machines and devices that kids today don't realize we had when we were their age. We had copiers (mimeographs) that were better than today because ours also provided a very sweet odor that many of us would "sniff" when the copy first came off the copying machine. We had copy and paste functionality, only we called it carbon paper. There were several other examples, but I don't have time or space to list them all.

I guess technology, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. And sometimes in the implementation of child-like functionality.



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August 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Meeting 6:30pm 	5 Hamdogger 6:00pm Price Varies with order. 	6
7 International Friendship Day	8	9	10	11	12 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	13 \$8.50 Breakfast Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am
14	15 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	16	17	18	19 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	20 POW/MIA Veterans' Run to Cripple Creek
21	22	23 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 6:00pm 	24	25	26 \$10.50 Meal Chef Surprise! - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	27 ALR Poker Run
28	29	30	31	Notes: Chef Surprise varies month to month.		

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	2 Hamdogger 6:00pm Price Varies with order. 	3
4	5 Labor Day! Holiday	6	7	8	9 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	10 \$8.50 Breakfast Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15	16 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	17
18	19 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	20	21	22 Fall begins	23 \$10.50 Meal Chef Surprise! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	24
25 Neal Thomas Jr. ALR Memorial Ride to Bishop's Castle 	26	27 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 6:00pm  	28	29	30	Notes:

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	7	8 \$8.50 Breakfast Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
9	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	15 ALR End of Season Party; 12:00pm 
16	17 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 Early Bird Dinner! 6:00pm RSVP!   	29 Post Halloween Party! Costumes Encouraged 4-6:00pm 