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# Neal Thomas Jr.-Centennial Post 209 Family,

Great news! Our Post re-opening for meetings in July was a success. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and restrictions published by our state leadership, and adjust as necessary. As you know, we re-opened for dinners in June and that is going just fine. Thanks to everyone for your understanding on the temporary rules we feel is necessary to enforce for gatherings. They are:

## **Required:**

1. We are limited to 50 people at a time.
2. Families must sit together at one table.
3. Other than families seating is limited to 4 people to a table.
4. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL DINNERS. RSVP to Jackie Bowen at [jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com) or 719-574-1223. For now, we cannot accept reservations at the door.
5. Drive thru dinners will be offered upon request. When you RSVP, indicate it is a takeout order and what time you will be coming to pick up your order.
6. MASKS will be required to enter the Post.
7. Your temperature will be taken at the door, if you register above 100.4, you will be asked to leave.
8. These questions will be asked at the door:
  - a. Have you been exposed in the last 14 days to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19?
  - b. Do you have any symptoms of COVID-19?
  - c. Have you traveled to one of the pandemic hotspots in the last 14 days?

Please know these temporary changes are to keep everyone safe. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and hope everyone is well.

Because we could not hold elections in April, for the most part our current officers remain at their position until such time we can meet and hold elections during a Post meeting. There have been some adjustments made and you can see that list on the previous page.

Thank you for your understanding during these trying times. As with every crisis in the history of the world, this too shall pass.

For God and Country,  
Our Post 209 Leadership





## **FROM THE DESK & MIND OF THE COMMANDER**

### **Committees & Programs:**

As Legionnaires we have an innate ability to lead. If you served one term or retired, this skill is taught to each and every one of us and becomes a lasting life lesson we continue to use to this day. After leaving the Army 2016 I realized I missed that leadership role I served in. I coached, trained, and mentored those below me and I too was coached, trained, and mentored by those above me. The greatest part of my career in the Army was when I was training someone and they had that 'ah-ha' moment. In that moment you see that everything you just taught them clicked and they can take this knowledge on and teach someone else.

This is something I love about The American Legion. We continue to coach, train, and mentor those who are new, teaching them why we do what we do on a daily basis. Like the military though we must first volunteer, make ourselves vulnerable and open to learning new things. Many of us have talents we can share with others. I implore each of you to do that.

We have opportunities to lead within our Post. Our many committees require Legionnaires who have a passion and gifts to share them with others. It is your talents and gifts that keep us year after year being the best Post in the state. There are many different committees within our Post to volunteer for. Membership, Activities, Public Relations, Gaming, and many more.

For those unfamiliar with the programs and activities of The American Legion, please go to the National Organization's website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) to learn more. If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact me or anyone else on the executive committee to find out more.

### **Constitution & By-Laws Update:**

The Post Constitution and By-Laws were sent out last month and we were to vote on them in our August Membership Meeting. Following the July Membership Meeting, it came to my attention that there was some confusion due to them going out with the July newsletter. We will be sending out the draft Constitution & By-Laws again and pushing the vote to September to ensure all our members have a chance to review them.

As outlined in Article X, Section 2 of the Post Constitution, "This Constitution may be amended at any regular Post meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting in which there is a quorum, providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular Post meeting, and providing further that written notice shall have been given to all Post members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying such members that at such a meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon."

The Constitution & By-Laws Committee proposed several small changes to our Post Constitution & By-Laws. The proposed Constitution & By-Laws have been attached with the Newsletter email and will be voted on at the September Membership meeting.

### **Liquor License Update:**

Many of you are aware the membership in general assembly voted earlier this year to approve the Post pursue a liquor license. I am happy to say it has been submitted and is under review by the City/State. The timeframe for approval is around 90 days. During this time the lounge will be closed for all events until our license comes in. I would like to make very clear that that this license will not change the way we operate the Post. We will not be turning into a "bar". The primary purpose of the license is to allow the Post to serve alcohol during hall rentals/special events, thus creating additional revenue for the many programs and activities our Post supports. If you have any questions about the liquor licensing process please reach out to me and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

*Joseph Schmidt*  
Post Commander



### **FROM THE DESK OF THE POST ADJUTANT**

Well, we are well on our way into the new membership renewal year. I am only guessing but, I think we are at better than 1/3 of next year's quota. We will know for certain when we receive our quota from Department and our District.

It's sad news but, we lost our new Chaplain Paul Darrow on the 4th of July. He will be missed.

**It's What We Do!!**

*Jerry Hopper*  
Post Adjutant



### **FROM THE SEAT OF THE LEGION RIDERS' PRESIDENT**

Though the Pony Express was cancelled, it was still a busy month for ALR209. We conducted safety training after the July Legion membership meeting, concentrating on low speed turns and lessons on how to pick up a downed bike. On 17/18 July, the Tribute to the Fallen Northwest stayed overnight at the Post on their annual trip from Oregon to Arlington National Cemetery. This was the fourth time we have hosted them on their ride. This year's run is taking them on a 4,000 mile route with 67 presentations to Gold Star families along the way. The contingent conducted a ceremonial presentation to two Colorado Springs Gold Star families. These ceremonies have a tremendous impact on everyone and remind us of the magnitude of sacrifice made for our freedom. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, we conducted our annual poker run raising funds for local Veteran's causes that our riders support throughout the year. This was a Legion family event with Auxiliary selling breakfast and SAL selling lunch for their fundraisers. For August, we are looking forward to the mission to zero ride up Pikes Peak and the high altitude poker run and the POW/MIA ride to Cripple Creek. Ride safe!

*Steve Hayes*  
Riders' President





## **FROM THE DESK OF THE UNIT PRESIDENT**

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe 4th of July holiday. We had an excellent turnout for our 4th of July Celebration BBQ Party at the Post.

Please keep track of your monthly volunteer hours and mileage, and turn them into Pat Weaver. As I mentioned before, we need to work harder on getting all the reports sent to the Department in a timely manner, and that means we need your volunteer hours each month.

Please join us August 8th for the breakfast/membership meeting. Join us for a great breakfast at 9 a.m. and stay for the General Membership meeting at 10.

Just a reminder the Post has a dinner just about every Friday. Typically, the first Friday is our Hamdogger; the second Friday dinner is by the ALR or Auxiliary (the menu changes each month); the third Friday is Steak Night or Chef's Choice, and the fourth Friday is Chef's Choice. Come on down and support our fundraisers.

Don't forget that the Healing Warriors are here at the Post on the 4th Saturday from 9 to 1. They see their last client at 12:30. They treat veterans, veterans' spouses, and children at no cost. Check out their website at [www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org](http://www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org)

Make sure to read the newsletter and visit our website: [www.Legion209.org](http://www.Legion209.org) to get updates on the Post's activities.

Happy Birthday to Bridgette Archuleta, Nancy Boden, Nancy Bunker, Amy Clum, Mary Fitzgerald, Patte Frye, Ginger Hayes, Judy Moore, Lynn Ortega, Vicki Robinson, Linda Ruby, and Heather Wilson. Make sure to wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly,

The ALR will be hosting the August dinner. Please come down and support the ALR, and make sure to RSVP to Jackie Bowen.

*Serving Our Veterans Proudly!*

*Cathy Barger*  
Unit President







## **FROM THE DESK OF THE SAL COMMANDER**

As I write this, Donna and I are camping in the mountains with our grandkids. We are taking a break, to the extent that it is possible, from COVID-19, the news, protests, social media, and civilization in general. It gives me time to reflect on the Sons of the American Legion, and our particular orientation towards serving our nation's children and youth.

When I took office last year, I announced my Commander's project to be Squadron 209's support for the Child Welfare Foundation. Now, into a second term, and with COVID-19 restrictions barring us physically from visiting children's hospitals, the CWF appears to be an even more ideal way for our Squadron to have a positive impact on the lives of children. The Foundation provides grants to the many children's organizations in the fight for kids living with challenges beyond the everyday travails of childhood. Some are in the hospital, facing a serious medical procedure. Many are handicapped, and need special tools for learning. Some are facing childhood cancer.



Our annual CWF banquet was cancelled, and that avenue of raising a few more dollars was closed to us. Nevertheless, Squadron 209 managed to write a generous check to the Foundation. But we are now into a new fiscal year, and, COVID or not, our plan is to write an even bigger check next spring. Your donation, in any amount, will help Post 209's Sons of the American Legion Squadron reach that goal. In addition, we still have the items donated to our silent auction, which was cancelled in April. I am very much open to ideas on how to turn such items into CWF cash.

To donate to this very worthy 501 (c)(3) cause, make your check to: SAL Squadron 209, with "CWF" in the memo. Or you can donate at <https://legion209.org/donate/> with PayPal, debit or credit card. Be sure to put "CWF" in the "Special Instructions" option. If you do so, know that your donation goes to an American Legion project, with therefore little or no overhead, and the power of our nation's veterans behind it. Many thanks to you from our nation's kids, the Child Welfare Foundation, and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 209.

*Eric Testorff*

**SAL Squadron Commander**





# AMERICAN LEGION POST 209

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## WALK OF HONOR

### Buy A Brick Fundraiser!

We are re-introducing an exciting fundraiser for our Post. 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 engraving uses the same technology as used on tombstones so it's extremely durable. Here are some FAQs:



- **What Are We Having?** A Brick Fundraising Event
- **Why?** To Further Funding of our American Legion Programs
- **What Size Are the Bricks?** 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 vary depending on size, style and lettering desired, but typically range from \$75 to \$200. 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?** Again, prices vary depending on size, style, and lettering but typically range from \$125 to \$500.
- **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?** We have a link on our website. Just visit [legion209.org](http://legion209.org) and click on "Walk of Honor." Or, you can 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.

## **FROM OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER**

### **VA Social Work**

Phone: 720-723-3018 (Social Work Service Line)

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System's Social Work Service helps Veterans and those who care about them with comprehensive Veteran care and support services. Social Workers are available to help Veterans find resources to meet their needs within the VA system and in their communities, too include home and community supports, benefits, financial assistance, housing assistance, transportation, and community living resources and services. Social Workers offer case management and education conducted through one-on-one discussions, family conferences, and group classes. To learn more, contact the Social Work Line or speak to your Primary Aligned Care Team, or visit: [www.socialwork.va.gov](http://www.socialwork.va.gov)

### **Advance Directives**

Phone: 720.723.3018 (Social Work Service Line)

As a VA patient, you have a say in the health care you receive, but what would happen if you were too ill to understand your treatment choices or to tell your doctor what treatment you want?

- Who would you want to make health care decisions for you?
- What type of treatments or procedures would you want?

Questions like these may be hard to think about, but they are important. That's why VA wants you to know about a legal form you can complete. It's called an "advance directive."

### **What is an advance directive?**

An advance directive is a legal form that helps your doctors and family members understand your wishes about medical and mental health care. It can help others decide about treatments if you are too ill to decide for yourself—for example, if you are unconscious or too weak to talk. Your advance directive is used only when you are not able to make decisions yourself.

There are two types of advance directives:

a durable power of attorney for health care and a living will.

### **What is a durable power of attorney for health care?**

This form allows you to name the person you trust to make health care decisions for you if you can't make them yourself—your "health care agent." He or she will have the legal right to make health care decisions for you. You can choose any adult to be your agent. It's best to choose someone you trust, who knows you well and who knows your values. You should ensure the person is willing to serve as your agent. If you don't choose an agent, your doctor will choose someone to make decisions for you as required in VA policy, in the following order: legal guardian (if you have one), spouse, adult child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or a close friend. Your health care team, or a court, will make decisions for you in accordance with VA policy if none of the above is available. Ask your care team for more details on this process.



## **What is a living will?**

A living will, is a legal document that states what kinds of treatments you would or would not want if you become ill and can't decide for yourself. It can help your health care agent and your doctor make decisions the way you would want them to. Writing down what kind of treatment you would or would not want can help make it easier for those who are asked to make decisions for you. If you don't have a living will, decisions will be made for you based on what is known about you and your values. It is important to discuss your wishes with your loved ones, your doctors, and your health care team so they will not have to wonder what you want and if they are doing the right thing.

### Must my health care agent always follow my living will?

Most of the time, yes. Your health care agent should try to respect your wishes, but it can be hard to imagine all future health scenarios and say just what treatment you would want at that time. Because of this, your agent may have to Interpret your wishes. In a VA Advance Directive, you can say if you want your agent to do exactly what your living will says or you can say it is alright for your agent to make the decision he or she thinks is best for you at that time, even if it isn't what you said you would want.

### How do I complete an advance directive?

Fill out VA Form 10-01 37, "VA Advance Directive: Durable Power of Attorney and Living Will," or you can use any valid state advance directive form. Talk to a health care professional at your local VA health care facility. This could be a social worker or your primary care provider. You may also talk to your spiritual advisor or attorney. Your VA health care team can make your Advance Directive part of your medical record.

### Do I need to fill out a durable power of attorney and a living will?

No. Even though the VA form contains both, you can choose whether to complete the durable power of attorney for health care section, the living will section, or both.

### Can I change my advance directive?

Yes, you may change or cancel your advance directive at any time. In fact, you should review your advance directive regularly to make sure it's up to date, especially if there is a change in your health. If you change it, be sure to tell your health care team and have them put it in your health record. Share your new directive with your family members and other loved ones.

For more information:

Download VA Form 10-01 37B, "What You Should Know About Advance Directives":

<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-0137B.pdf>

Article from the "Veterans Resource Guide", Eastern CO Health Care System

*AG Carter*  
Post Service Officer



## FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCE OFFICER



I was given the privilege to serve as Post Finance officer in July. I have been added to all our Post 209 American Legion Accounts, and am working with our Post leadership to get a better handle on our finances to determine the best way to move forward. We are currently looking good financially, and need to keep moving forward. We will be gearing up to support our programs, such as the Oratorical contest, and Boys State as we get into the Fall. These programs cost time and money. Any support from you or local businesses with either or both will be greatly appreciated.

*William Coakley*

Post Finance Officer



### A MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP TO REMEMBER!

Since the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual National Membership Workshop was cancelled this year, our National HQ has been working on providing a virtual training.

This training will be hosted through Microsoft Teams via the live event August 3-6. The live event feature allows up to 10,000 attendees and there is no registration or sign-up prior to each training. To access the training there is an "Attendee Link" that will be accessible once the moderator starts the training session. Members do not have to have Microsoft 365 to access this training. The "Attendee Link" has the web address embedded in the agenda. Members only have to click on the link and it will open up.

The theme around this training is centered around Posts. **This will be opened up 30 minutes prior to the training.** These training modules will start on the scheduled time and there will be enough time for Q&A.

Here is the link to access this information from our National website and to see the agenda with links to the training sessions: <https://www.legion.org/membership/249379/american-legion-national-membership-workshop-go-virtual>. This training is open to all Legionnaires. We encourage you to consider carving out the time to login, listen in, and get some "learn-in." The subjects include (all times are Mountain):

**Monday, 3 August, 2:00pm-3:00pm:** *This is The American Legion*

**5:00pm-6:00pm:** *Mission and Vision*

**Tuesday, 4 August, 2:00pm-3:00pm:** *Building an Effective Membership Team*

**5:00pm-6:00pm:** *Recruitment of Volunteers*

**Wednesday, 5 August, 2:00pm-3:00pm:** *Membership Retention*

**5:00pm-6:00pm:** *Every Legionnaire is a Recruiter*

**Thursday, 6 August, 2:00pm-3:00pm:** *Define a Great Post*

**5:00pm-6:00pm:** *MyLegion for the Posts*

**Can't Make the Training? Don't worry, all sessions will be recorded and available at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)**

*Jay Bowen*

National Chairman, Membership and Post Activities



## **BRINGING A LITTLE SOUTH TO THE WEST**



I was recently watching *American Graffiti* and it brought back fond memories of all the different activities available to teenagers in the 60's. The nightlife activities open to a restless teen was really limited by only three things; money, curfew, and wheels. And there was always a challenge with one or all of those obstacles with me and my running buddies.

We rarely had a plan for our Friday or Saturday nights. What we did was typically driven by the three things mentioned above. The curfew was pretty much the same for all of us; 10:00pm on a Friday and/or Saturday night. The only exception might be a concert or if a drive-in movie was one of those that ran longer than the normal hour and a half. But that was always approved in advance, and the curfew was never extended past 11:00pm for any of us.

Speaking of drive-in movies, that was the most popular thing to do if you had money and a car. Until I saved enough money to buy my '64 Buick Special, I was able to borrow my parent's Chevy Station Wagon. We'd pool our money to first make certain there was enough for gas because that was the one stipulation on borrowing the family wagon. I had to put gas back in the car. And at \$0.17/gallon for regular (we NEVER put Ethel in the tank, it was way too expensive), sometimes we would just have to opt for driving around and forgo the drive-in.

But if we were able to scrape the money together from mowing lawns, working part-time in a retail store or gas station or doing some other odd jobs, off to the movies we'd go. Now, I had heard there were some kids who would have two people in the front seat to pay for the theater, while 4 or 5 others were secreted away somewhere else in the car. They would lay down in the backseat floor with a blanket over them, or if they were in a Station Wagon, they would even put someone in the spare tire carrier that was in the back and covered with a side panel to hide the tire. If you took the tire out (and it was always a full-size tire), you could fit someone inside the carrier where the tire was stored. You should know I never did anything like that, but I was told there were others who did. 😊

As you've seen in many movies, we also "cruised" the strip. For us in Memphis, there were several strips. It seems each suburb had their "strip" that became hangouts for teenagers. We didn't have a Sonics, but we had a Shoney's Big Boy that was similar. They had the drive-up kiosks where you could sit in your car and order a burger. That was a popular spot for guys with their "Muscle Car" to drive around with the intent to show off, intimidate those of us driving a Station Wagon, and impress the girls.

For me and Jackie, our favorite date consisted of going to the Zoo and/or the Pink Palace. Memphis has always prided themselves in their Zoo and for good reason. It is still a great place to visit and the habitat areas are very well done. The Pink Palace is a mansion that was initially built by the guy who started the Piggly Wiggly stores. He began construction on this huge palace of a home and went bankrupt before it could be completed. The city took over the building,



finished the construction based off the blueprints, and turned it into a museum. It was really an interesting place to visit, and yes the outside façade of the home was done in pink.

Even though both places made for a great daytime date on a Saturday, truth be told the main reason it appealed to me so much was because entrance into both places was free. And free was good. Still is. If I had money, our standard date was a drive-in. We didn't really go out to eat very often. Most of the time, we'd grab a "dog" or burger at the Concession stand at the drive-in or Zoo. We didn't get to eat at the Pink Palace.

It's very rare to see teens today mowing lawns or doing other odd jobs. I've never had a teenager knock on my door and ask if they could mow my lawn. If they did, I'd gladly let them do it. And our newspaper carrier is a 30-something year old adult. Many of the teens today are content just getting the money from Mom and Dad to go out, and the parents give it to them! Except for prom night, they typically go to the Mall for a date, or maybe a walk-in theater. And I doubt most of them even know what a curfew is. Too bad. They really don't know what they're missing.

*Jay Bowen*



**Past Post Commander**



We all have talents and gifts, and as Legionnaires you have the opportunity to share them with not only the Post but our community as a whole. These committees are the foundation of how we work the many programs of The American Legion and their success depends on our membership. Even if you have never served on a committee please come out and give it a try, or for those who have chaired one before all are invited to come

and share their talents! Below are some of the committees and positions we are looking to fill. If you are interested, please reach out to the Chairperson or anyone on the executive committee. Don't waste your talents! Make a Difference! Get Involved!

#### **Membership Committee:**

Chaired by the Sr. Vice Commander, the Membership Committee is responsible for creating and spearheading projects/ideas to maintain and increase membership of the Post. This includes, but is not limited to, conducting a vigorous recruiting effort, such as actively supporting the Direct Mail Solicitation (DMS) campaign to obtain new members and ensuring the retention of old members.

#### **Currently seeking the following members:**

Vice Chair, 2-3 committee members

#### **Program and Planning Committee:**

Chaired by the Jr. Vice Commander, the Program and Planning Committee is responsible for planning programs for the Legion year, and preparing and submitting to the Executive Committee both short- and long-range plans for the conduct of Post activities. This includes, but is not limited to, fundraising, securing speakers for Post meetings, and for planning Post observances of national holidays and other significant community events.

**Currently seeking the following members:**

Vice Chair, 2-3 committee members

**Public Relations Committee:**

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for promoting public interest and support of Post programs and activities through local news and social media, and assisting the publication of the Post newsletter.

**Currently seeking the following members:**

Chair, Vice Chair, 2-3 committee members

**Welcoming Committee:**

Chaired by the SGT-At-ARMS, the Welcoming Committee takes on the job at all Post-sponsored events to welcome new members, guests, or even older members who are not well acquainted, making them feel at home, and introducing them to other members.

**Currently seeking the following members:**

Vice Chair, 2-3 committee members

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee:**

Chaired by the Service Officer, the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee shall be responsible for assisting Post members and other veterans and their families in obtaining veterans' benefits to which they are entitled; for visiting comrades who are sick or disabled; and for keeping the membership informed on veterans' benefits available.

**Currently seeking the following members:**

Vice Chair, 2-3 committee members

**Americanism and Youth Committee:**

The Americanism and Youth Committee is responsible for inspiring patriotism and good citizenship through patriotic observances, patriotic and civic instruction in schools, and similar activities. This committee shall also be responsible for Post participation in such Legion programs as Boy's State, Oratorical contests, and other Americanism.

**Currently seeking the following members:**

Chair, Vice Chair, 2-3 committee members

**Fundraising Committee:**


















The Fundraising Committee is responsible for all the major fundraising activities of the Post to include corporate sponsors, in-kind gifts, fundraising events, and any other ways to raise fund to support the programs and operations of the Post.

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## August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> ALR CVMA 3-2 Mission to Zero Pikes Peak Run 8:15am 
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm (Zoom) Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Marksmanship 6:30pm 	<b>6</b> Young Guns 6:30pm Awards Night! 	<b>7</b> <b>\$10.00 Meal</b> Troop 79 Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner - 6:00pm 	<b>8</b> Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am 
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>\$10.00 Meal</b> ALR Dinner - 6:00pm <b>RSVP Required!</b> 	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm ALR Exec. Board 6:00pm 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> ALR Escort of Traveling Wall to Cripple Creek 	<b>20</b> ALR Traveling Wall Setup at C.C. H.S. 	<b>21</b> <b>Price TBD</b> ALR CVMA High Altitude Poker Run Chef's Choice Dinner 6:00pm <b>RSVP Required!</b> 	<b>22</b> ALR POW/MIA Cripple Creek Run 
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	<b>25</b> ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>\$10.00 Meal</b> Chef's Choice Dinner 6:00pm <b>RSVP Required!</b> 	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	Notes:				

## September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	<b>4</b> <b>Price Varies with order</b> Hamdogger 6:00pm 	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Labor Day</b> ALR Post 2008 Stock the Pantry Run 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Marksmanship 6:30pm 	<b>10</b> Young Guns 6:30pm 	<b>11</b> <b>\$10.00 Meal</b> <b>Patriot Day!</b> Aux. Dinner - 6:00pm <b>RSVP Required!</b> 	<b>12</b> Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am 
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Marksmanship 6:30pm 	<b>17</b> Young Guns 6:30pm 	<b>18</b> <b>Price TBD</b> Chef's Choice Dinner 6:00pm <b>RSVP Required!</b> 	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	<b>22</b> <b>Start of Fall</b> ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm 	<b>23</b> Marksmanship 6:30pm 	<b>24</b> Young Guns 6:30pm 	<b>25</b> <b>\$10.00 Meal</b> Chef's Choice Dinner 6:00pm <b>RSVP Required!</b> 	<b>26</b> ALR 10th Annual Vets 4 Vets Party 
<b>27</b> ALR Post 209 Neal Thomas Jr. Memorial Run 	<b>28</b> Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Marksmanship 6:30pm 	Notes: <b>11-13 Sept. 3rd Annual ALR ROMP - Buena Vista</b> <b>12 Sept. VFW Warriors End of Summer Run</b> 		