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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Mike Barger



I'd like to start off by acknowledging all those that have stepped up this last month and volunteered their time to the Post. That includes people from the legion, auxiliary, sons and riders. A big thank you from myself and the executive board goes out to you all.

September is a big month for the Legion, for we're hitting a milestone anniversary of being 97 years old as an organization and here are a couple of milestones that happened in September for you history buffs. On September 16, 1919, the American Legion was granted their federal charter by Congress, and 97 years later they have kept their commitment to serve not only as a resource and a voice on behalf of veterans across America, but also as an organization dedicated to the betterment of America through community service. Since their founding charter, The American Legion has not wavered from the guiding principles and vision that can be found in their Four Pillars of Service.

In 1942, September 19th - 21st to be precise, the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion was changed for the first and only time since it was written in 1919. The word "War" was changed "Wars." World War I was supposed to be the war to end all wars, but that didn't happen. We have troops in harm's way every decade since the 1940's.

Now to my passion, volunteering. Probably the best reason of all – and it's likely why most people volunteer, is to help others by making a difference and giving back to their community. Volunteering is good for others. If people never help each other and only care about themselves, the world becomes a crueler, sadder place. It's okay to ask, "What's in it for me?" The answer is plenty. You make new friends, you feel needed and important, you feel satisfaction knowing you helped others, you feel like you're part of the greater good for the legion, it relieves stress, gets you active and keeps you healthy. Volunteers are the backbone of our post, and will continue to be. We continue to get new members to the post, and it's up to us all to get them more involved and present them a challenge, so they feel like they've got a hand in keeping this post active, and not just a number.

The National Commander's visit, the Girls State Potato bar, the Riders Poker Run, the monthly breakfasts, to name a few, would not have been a success without the people stepping up and volunteering their time. We all have lives outside this Post, but every little bit of time you can offer to it, is greatly appreciated, even if it's just an hour a week. The executive board will be looking at ways to recognize and give back to those that give their time to this Post. More to come. I'd like to share a quote from our beloved past Commander Neal Thomas Jr., "If you care enough to belong – become involved in supporting our efforts."

On September 25th, the riders will be having the Inaugural Neal Thomas Jr Centennial Post 209 Memorial Ride, to honor Neal Thomas Jr for all he did for the Department of Colorado, this post and its riders. If you're interested in joining in on the ride, the ride will be going to Bishop's Castle. There will be a small charge of \$20 to participate, and all the money raised will go to the Veteran's Assistance Fund to help veterans when they need some help. Cars are welcome to join in. Thanks to Lynn for giving her blessing for this to happen. After the ride is complete, we'll meet back at the post at 5 pm and perform a post renaming and a post everlasting ceremony, followed by a chicken fried steak dinner for \$10.50.

Don't forget the ladies auxiliary is still collecting toiletries for the Veteran's stand down on Oct. 18th. If you'd like to assist that day, please contact one of the ladies. Also, the riders have their annual holiday food drive going on, so please bring in any non-perishable food items and drop them off in the box provided in the entry way when you walk in. Whatever you like to have on your holiday plate, that's what they're collecting. This post has been very generous that last couple years we've done this, so let's keep this tradition going. Please, no turkeys till the month of November, since we don't have the space to store them.

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



From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

September is going to be a very busy month. On September 8th, the 2016-2017 National President Mary Davis will be visiting Colorado. Post 209 will be hosting a dinner and a meet and greet with her at 6:00 p.m. on September 8th and Swiss steak will be on the menu. Our monthly membership meeting is on September 10th. The incoming National Commander will be visiting Colorado from September 12 – 16. On September 14th Post 209 will be hosting a dinner that evening. On September 17th is a day we get to spend with our veterans residing in Pueblo at the VA living facilities. If you'd like to join us for this event, it will be held at 2600 Oakshire Lane in Pueblo. The actual activities begin at 1:00 pm. There will be a banner reading "American Legion Post 209 Family" across the front of the table. We'll be there around 9:30 am to set up. If you want to come help get things ready, let me know. Thank you to all of those that supported our Macy's "Shop for a Cause" fundraiser. We'll put that money to good use serving our veterans. Also, I'd like to thank our Legion Riders for offering to let us do a breakfast fundraiser for ALR 1st Annual Poker Run on the 2th of August. Thanks to everyone that helped cook and serve the breakfast and for helping with setting up and tear down. Serving Our Veterans Proudly! Happy Birthday to Cleo Allgood, Lisa (Marie) Brandt, Carmalita Duenas, Ayanna Espinola, Barbara Fisher, Amy Mitchell, Linda Mussmann, Judith(Judy) Nelson, Ruby Ridpath, Addy Smith, Joyce Taylor and Veronica Zeitvogel. Make sure to wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

The ALR dinner for September is Meatloaf. Please come down and support the riders, and make sure to RSVP.



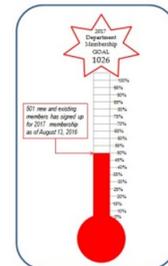
From the Senior Vice Commander

Lino Calica

The 3R's (**RECRUIT**- New members, **RETAIN** - Existing Members, **REBUILD** - For the Future.)

What a wonderful 2016 membership drive season. We met the Department 2016 membership goal of 1000 members. We were challenged by Commander Greg Smith with two tasks before the Department convention in Longmont, Colorado. Our first task was to meet or beat the Department goal of 1000 members. The second task is to be the number #1 American Legion Post in Colorado. The standards were set high, and we the members, in Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sal and ALR) worked together as a team to meet Commander Greg Smith challenges. We were all successful in completing those tasks.

As many of you know, the 2017 Membership Drive season has begun. This year the Department membership goal for Post 209 is **1026** members. As you look at the graph on the right we have 501 new and existing members who have renewed their membership for fiscal year 2017. We are at approximately 49% of the department goal. The schedule 50% target date for the department is in mid-September. Let's make this another successful year for our new Post Commander and our new Department Commander. If you have any questions or ideas that will help the membership drive, please feel free to contact me. My phone number is on the legion website. www.Legion209.org.



As you recruit, briefly advise the Veterans on the different programs within the American Legion.

The *American Legion Auxiliary* for spouses and daughters, granddaughters

The *Sons of American Legion* for Veterans sons, grandsons and great grandsons

The *American Legion Riders*, if they have an interest in motorcycles,

The Young Guns, for students, ages 10 to 18 who are interested in gun safety.

The key to growth and success of Post 209 is to lead by example and to serve the needs of our veterans and their families.

Mahalo nui loa, (*Thank you*)



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 2 openings left. We meet on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30pm for the 9 week course. The class is held at American Legion Post 209, 3613 Jeannine Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-8002. The cost of the course 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.

Ken Taylor
Junior Shooting Chairman

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From the Finance Officer
Rusty Bower

I don't normally enter any articles into the monthly newsletter besides my "Origin of Naval Terminology" and there's good reason for that. There is really nothing that exciting about paying bills and posting receipts. Anybody that has ever served in the military knows that when it is time to deploy there is always something in the very back of your mind that makes you wonder. "What if I don't make it home?" Something caught my eye while I was reading the "NAVY Times" this month and it was an internet article on the USS CONESTOGA AT-54. The ship sailed from Norfolk to San Diego for some upgrades prior to it's final port of call and new homeport of Tutuila, America Samoa. The ship set sail from San Diego on Good Friday, March 25th, 1921 with a 56 man crew, a barge in-tow and were going to make a port call in Hawaii. The 170 foot ship never made it to Hawaii as scheduled. Despite a search that covered hundreds of thousand of square miles and was the largest sea and air search of it's kind, the ship nor it's crew were ever located and declared "lost at sea" June 30th 1921. This has been the United States NAVY's greatest unsolved mysteries because the ship has never been found. What do you tell the families of the 56 Sailors aboard this vessel? Ninety Five years later, March 24th, 2016, while National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) hydrographic survey near the Farallon Islands and ran across a vessel that looked like a commercial tug. While looking closer they noticed a gun turret. Their further research revealed that this was the USS CONESTOGA. The original search team in 1921 was looking 2,000 miles away from where the wreck was found. The conclusion: The seas were rough, with high waves. Based on the position of the wreck and the weather report, Conestoga ran into trouble outside the San Francisco Bar soon after leaving the Golden Gate. Heavy seas past the Farallones may have caused the tow, allegedly a barge, to break free. Careful examination of the tow winch on the wreck shows the wire is twisted and not neatly spooled on the drum, which suggests a towing problem. The Captain made a decision to head for nearest land, being the Farallon Islands. The ship sank just three miles from shore. A sad Naval mystery has finally been solved. NOAA did not release the finding until all the families of the ship's crew were notified.

If you have an extra 20 minutes in your day, go to your computer and look up "Earth is Blue: Three Miles From Safety - The Story of The USS CONESTOGA AT-54." There is much more information about the crew and the ship and it will probably bring a tear to your eye.

*Dinner and Show at Neal Thomas Jr Centennial Post 209
On September 30th, 2016*



Dennis is an Elvis Tribute Artist who has been performing for over 12 years now. He can do Elvis from the 50's to the 70's. He uses his own natural voice, with REAL hair and sideburns! He won the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame People's Choice Award for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015! Dennis was also nominated for Entertainer of the Year 2013! Dennis has performed from California to Maine in many different types of venues.

Come and support the Department Auxiliary President Evelyn Espinola with her project this year. All money raised goes to support the Crawford House.

Dinner will be spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert for \$10. Cost of the show is \$10. Please RSVP to Unit 209 Jackie Bowen at jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com no later than September 20th. Dinner starts at 6 pm and the show begins at 7 pm.





From the Jr. Vice Commander - What Being a Legionnaire Means in Today's World

Bob Caddell

Why did you join the Legion? Was it to be part of something that reminds you of your days in the service? Was it the comradery of the Brothers and Sisters in arms that you would give your heart and soul to? Was it that and wanting to volunteer to make a difference in a life?

Myself, it was because my life needed something more than work and home. The Legion has the reputation of World War 2 veterans, Korean veterans, and Vietnam veterans sitting around the bar smoking, drinking and reliving old war stories. But with the war on terror that we have been engaged in since 1991, the world has changed and so has the Legion. Yes, we have a Lounge, and we reminisce of our time in our branch of the service. We give other branches crap but we ALWAYS stand for each other. And we make more time for kids and Families.

No civilian will ever know the sacrifices we or our families give. When I joined, I always heard the Command Master Chief saying, "Your wife wasn't issued with your seabag".

Another is a Picture of a Soldier in full battle gear walking in the heat ready for trouble and the caption says, ***"I was going to complain about the heat, but it isn't 120 degs. I'm not 5700 miles from home. Not dressed in full uniform, not carrying 70 + lbs of gear, and there's little chance of me driving over a bomb."***

The new Legionnaire is no different from the old. Some are war torn. Others never saw combat. Some have a wife and kids, others don't. But we all gave something to the country we love.

Our new Commander is all about Volunteering and I support him in this. The Preamble of the American Legion states, ***to inculcate a sense of individual OBLIGATION to the community, state and Nation.*** I take this to include the Post that you and I joined.

We all have our charities that we give to; we can be bombarded by every conceivable charity wanting something from us. We must choose what to give to because we can't support every one of them, as we would like. The same can be said for the Post. We have many programs here at the Post that we support and we make every effort to do so. However, there seems to be a problem with man & woman power. We have over 1000 members but only a tiny portion is volunteering in helping out.

When I became Jr. Vice this year I went to Legion training and one of the topics was Volunteerism. You can't make members volunteer. All you can do is ask and present them with a challenge. That's what I'm doing in this newsletter. Asking for your support of the Commander's vision to find time to get engaged with the Post you joined and lend a hand in the programs that we support. From Veterans to Youth to Country.

For God and Country...



From the Adjutant

Marvin Weaver, Jr.

Membership renewals are going good so far to this year. The Post is already at 50% of our goal from Department. As incentive to renew we are having an Early Bird Dinner on October 28th. What does that mean? If you have renewed for 2017 prior to this date that means that you get a free dinner from the Post. All you have to do to be eligible for this dinner is to pay your 2017 dues by this date and to make an RSVP for the dinner.

Another incentive that is going on this year is from Department. For every new American Legion member that you recruit your name is entered in a drawing. They will have a drawing on each of the national target dates; giving away \$100 each time. The first drawing will be September 14th. The more new members you recruit the more chances you have to win.

The District 7 Fall Conference will be hosted by Post 2008 and will be held at the Latigo Grill in Black Forest on October 16, 2016 starting at 11:00am. There will be an Oktoberfest theme to the Conference. Wear your Lederhosen!



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

The American Legion officially recognizes the Merchant Marine from the World War II period as one of the Services eligible for Legion membership. Who were these “Mariners,” and why would they be given a special seat at the table among the other branches of service of the United States Armed Forces?

In 1940 the Merchant Marine numbered about 55,000. A massive recruiting effort brought in retired seafarers who were able to ship out immediately on the newly launched Liberty Ships. Among them were 76 year-old James A. Logan who served as cook on the SS Joshua Hendy. Thomas Cavely, former master on the Brooklyn to Staten Island ferry, served as captain of a Liberty ship.

Young mariners trained at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, various state Maritime Academies, or the U.S. Maritime Service Training Stations. William Travers, 22, was captain of the SS James Ford Rhodes, while his 21-year-old brother was first mate. The U.S. Maritime Service officially took youngsters who were 16 years old. They took them with one eye, one leg, or heart problems. Many men who were too young, too old or who were physically unfit for the other services, joined the Maritime Service and went into the Merchant Marine.



Merchant mariners were on the front lines the moment their ships left US ports, and were subject to attack by bombers, kamikaze, battleships, submarines, mines, and land-based artillery. Old time mariners received their gunnery training at the nearest port when training became necessary. Robert Perez of San Jose, CA received his training in Australia. Maurice Breen, who shot down a German bomber, received British Merchant Navy gunnery training in Great Britain. The US Maritime Service provided gunnery training for all its recruits.

663 men and women Mariners became POW's. Some, like Stan Willner and George Duffy were prisoners of both the Germans and the Japanese, including the notorious River Kwai Railroad camps. The first mariner POW's were the crew of the SS President Harrison who were captured by the Japanese on December 8, 1941.

Countless mariners performed acts of bravery and heroism beyond the call of duty. The Distinguished Service Medal, the Merchant Marine's highest honor, was awarded to 140 mariners, of whom 7 were cadets from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Ten ships were recipients of the Gallant Ship Award.



We welcome these heroes from World War II into our ranks, and proudly count these brother and sister veterans as comrades in the American Legion.

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

Origin of NAVY Terminology Rusty Bower



Cold Enough to Freeze The Balls Off A Brass Monkey – This term has nothing to do with testicles or primates, and a good deal of debate remains to this day regarding the origin of the phrase. In the days of smoothbore cannon, particularly ashore, ready-use cannon balls were stored near the guns. The balls were stacked in a ‘monkey,’ a metal frame which was laid on the deck to help contain the bottom layer of the pyramid of cannon balls. Monkeys were typically made of brass (though monkeys made of rope were used as well). In extremely cold temperatures, the brass monkey shrank more than the iron cannon balls, and the stack of balls would collapse—or perhaps ice which formed under the balls pushed them up enough to break them loose. The root of the debate is whether such an event is possible at all, though the phrase appears to be more a traditional exaggeration than an engineering possibility.



From the Judge Advocate

Larry Johnson

I was at the VA Clinic in Colorado Springs and talking to a lady who as it turned out her husband was a past member of the Post and she was a past member of the Auxiliary. I asked her why her husband and she had not renewed their membership. Her reply was “we had been to some meetings and other functions and we felt we were ignored and we feel there are too many cliques in the Post”.

It's too bad they're not members of the Post and Auxiliary as they won't be able to see my reply to this.

I looked up the word “CLIQUE” and this is the definition that was provided,

: a narrow exclusive circle or group of persons; *especially* : one held together by common interests, views, or purposes

I've been wondering how many others have gotten this same impression and quit coming to the Post and have not renewed their membership because of this perception.

I've been thinking; (and you know what happens when I do that) some of our members are getting the impression that there are Cliques. Do we sit with only those who are working together to accomplish something, like cooking, or membership because they are involved with other volunteer options, or are we becoming territorial? Are we not talking to someone who is by alone just because they aren't involved with what we are doing or maybe they don't have anything in common with everybody?

Are we making an effort to include everyone and not make them feel like they aren't welcomed? Are we making an effort to let everyone know where we need help or how they could help? Are we afraid of expanding the group[s] we have?

The Post, Auxiliary, Jr Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Riders are involved with many things and we could use your expertise or help even if it is for an hour or more. I hope you will go www.legion209.org and take look at the calendar and see what you would like to do.

Events that are not on the calendar yet:

Sertoma Gun Show – 10 and 11 Sep 2016

Home Show – 24 and 25 Sep 2016

Sertoma Gun Show – 22 and 23 Oct 2016

Sugar Plum Festival – 15 and 16 Oct 2016

Sertoma Gun Show – 25, 26, and 27 Nov 2016

Beard Invasion – 10 and 11 December 2016

There are several others coming in 2017. Keep reading this Newsletter for updates.

All of the events take place at the Colorado Springs Expo located on the corner of Academy Blvd and Palmer Park (in the old Long's Drug Store)

For further information and with questions, please call Larry Johnson at 719-930-0232



Look Who's Coming to Dinner at Post 209!



It has become somewhat of a tradition for Neal Thomas Centennial Post 209 to host the National Commander on his visit to Colorado. This year is no different. On Wednesday, 14 September, at 5:30pm, our new National Commander, Charlie Schmidt from Oregon will visit our Post and have dinner with us. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Commander Schmidt is a great guy and full of energy. He'll have time to visit and talk with everyone in attendance and he'll share with us his plans for the year.

Please come out and have a meal with the National Commander. RSVPs are required. Contact Jackie if you plan to attend.



From our Commander

On July 23rd 2013, SPC Rob Lee Nichols was killed in action in Afghanistan. Department Commander Jay Bowen wrote a resolution to have a part of Hwy 24 renamed after him. It took over a year, but in May of this year, Jay and Jackie Bowen, Mike and Cathy Barger, along with Rob's parents Bob and Donna Ribisi and other family members were present at the State Capitol in Denver for the reading and passing of the Resolution. On August 4th the signs were installed by CDOT. The signs are located at MM 298 west bound just past Cave of the Winds and MM 283 east bound just as you pass the hospital coming into Woodland Park. Just another way Post 209 to help our Veterans and it's families.

From Auxiliary and SAL Members Donna and Bob Ribisi

To: Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209 membership
From: The family of Fallen Hero SPC Rob Lee Nichols

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the time, work and continued dedication you have shown our family in providing for the signage recently installed on US Hwy 24 between Manitou Springs and Woodland Park. The SPC Rob Lee Nichols Memorial Highway markers are a beautiful reminder of son's sacrifice to our great Nation.

Your organization will always be in our heart. Thank you.



From The Commander Squadron 209

Ken Taylor

For the third year in a row, Post 209 has received the Children First Club Guardian Award! Thanks to the efforts of Post, Auxiliary, Squadron and Riders, our Legion Family contributed \$1,500 to the Child Welfare Foundation for the 2015 – 2016 year. This amount is in excess of the \$1 per member goal that is asked by the Foundation. Thank you to everyone who contributed and lets keep this going! We have an awesome family at Post 209. Feed those Red Pigs!



American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.



"Dedicated to the Betterment of all Children"

August 8, 2016
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American Legion Post 209
PO Box 25334
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Dear Commander

SUBJECT: American Legion Child Welfare Foundation 2015 - 2016 Awards

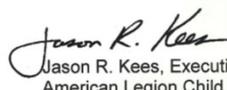
Congratulations! On behalf of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and its President, Dennis Boland, I am happy to inform you that your Post is a 2015 - 2016 award winner.

Children First Gift Club Guardian

Presented to posts for their cumulative donations made during the contribution year.

Thank you for your efforts and support for the Foundation and please keep up the good work! If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Jason R. Kees, Executive Secretary
American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Enclosure

cc: Dennis R. Boland, President, American Legion Child Welfare Foundation



Bringing a Little South to the West

By Past Post Commander Jay Bowen

Growing up, September was my least favorite month of the year. That was the dreaded “back to school” month and the unofficial end of Summer and freedom. They tried to ease the pain by also starting the new season of TV shows, but even the new season of Bonanza couldn’t offset the start of the school year.

When did the school start date change from September to mid-August? Why are we doing this? Kids today are probably much smarter than when I was growing up. Are they learning more than we did? Granted, it is very difficult to keep up with countries changing their name and boundary. There is no Eastern Germany, no USSR. So I guess learning Geography requires more time. Wait a minute, most schools don’t teach Geography. That’s obvious from the many surveys taken where kids can’t even find Idaho on the map; and most of them live there!

So if they are going longer to learn something other than Geography, maybe it’s Civics. Wait, most schools aren’t teaching that either. Again, this is evident by most kids not being able to tell you the three branches of Government or able to name the Vice President. No, the three branches are not upper, middle, and lower, and the VP is not Hillary.

If not the above, then it must be they are getting more grammar and penmanship education. No, that can’t be it either. They are taking cursive out of schools and it’s obvious from the texting, emails, and other communication that grammar is no longer necessary nor taught.

Okay, now I’m confused. We started later, got out about the same time as they do today and were taught more subjects. What happened? Is that why kids are smarter today? They are not required to know insignificant stuff like New Mexico is really a State, or how to properly write a letter or thesis, or the checks and balances of our branches of Government.

Even in sports, they are learning things differently. When I grew up in Memphis, if you played sports, you lettered only if you played competitively a minimum number of times. In many schools, just making the squad gets you a letter. And especially for the smaller kids, nobody wins or loses. That might screw with their self-esteem. Too bad that doesn’t carry over into the “real world” of business and society. We live in a world of winners and losers. Just look at the elections this year. Many would argue that no matter who wins, we all lose. :)

I guess it’s not meant for me to understand. Growing up in the South (and probably all over the country during that time), we got out of bed, trudged 5 miles uphill to school (both ways), sat in a classroom and learned stuff. Granted, it took me longer to learn stuff in the 10th grade than many others, but that’s a different story for a different month. We didn’t have home school, and only the very, very rich went to a private school. I am a product of a Memphis City Public School education and I think I did okay. I know the capital of Nevada (Carson City), I understand the 3 branches of Government (Executive, Judicial, and Legislative), and I can often put together a complete sentence (although it may be in southern-speak).

C wot kids r (m) 2day! lol

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September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	2 Hand... 00pm Cancelled! 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 5:30 Dinner with the National Commander! Young Guns Start 1830-2030	15	16 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	17
18	19 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	20	21 Young Guns 1830-2030 	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 Young Guns 1830-2030 	29	30	Notes:

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2	3	4	5 Young Guns 1830-2030 	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 Young Guns 1830-2030 	13	14 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	15
16	17 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	18	19 Young Guns 1830-2030 	20	21 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night - 6:00pm RSVP Required!  	22 ALR End of Season Party; 12:00pm 
23	24	25 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 6:00pm  	26 Young Guns 1830-2030 	27	28 \$10.50 Meal Early Bird Dinner! 6:00pm RSVP!  	29 Post Halloween Party! Costumes Encouraged 4-6:00pm 
30	31 Halloween	Notes:				

November 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Young Guns 1830-2030 	3	4 Hamdogger 6:00pm  Price Varies with order.	5 Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade! 
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9 Young Guns 1830-2030 	10 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	11 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required!  Happy Veterans' Day!	12 \$8.50 Breakfast Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
13	14	15	16	17 Great American Smokeout	18 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night - 6:00pm RSVP Required!  	19
20	21 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	22 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 6:00pm  	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving! 	25	26
27	28	29	30	Notes:		