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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Lino Calica

As you are aware, the new school year has begun, drive carefully and be on alert at school zones and buses that are dropping off students. As a former school bus driver, I have seen near misses of children getting hit due to the negligence of drivers zipping around the buses.

Our Post has been very active these past few months. Events such as the gun show, McCandless BBQ and ice cream social and the many dinners put on by Art and the Auxiliary ladies. Come out and join us at our Friday night dinners and get to know each other, share your stories of your military career, families and hobbies. Also, we have the Queen of Hearts Raffle for current paid up members of the Post 209 family, the tickets are sold for a \$1.00 each and the drawings are held each week on Friday night dinners, you could be the lucky winner. The jackpot is over \$2,000.

The 2019 membership drive has begun; continue to talk to your friends and families about the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders and our programs. Let them know about the 4 pillars of the American Legion that in 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth**. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our Nation's Veterans, our service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. The key to growth and success at our Post is to lead by example and to serve the needs of our Veterans and their families. I challenge each member to sign up one new member to the Post. Remember the 3R's: **Recruit** - New members **Retain** - Existing Members, **Rebuild** - For the Future. Keep in mind that if you can sign up a new member or if you renew your membership prior to the middle of October, you are eligible for a free Early Bird Dinner! Don't forget to renew, sign up a buddy and get your RSVP in to Jackie soon!

As the summer is coming to end, I would like take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders and their families who have volunteered at the Post events and functions. Without your help, hard work and dedication this Post would not be as active as it is today.

Any suggestions or ideas you have to improve our membership participation, attendance at our Post events and fundraiser activities will be greatly appreciated. Please share your ideas with me. Call or email me at legionnaire.calica@yahoo.com with ideas.



Early Bird Dinner!



Are you an Early Bird? Why is that important? Every year, we like to say thanks to all Legion family members (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders) who join or renew early. We do this by buying your dinner on 19 October. To qualify for the free meal, you must have joined or renewed between 1 July and 15 October and RSVP no later than 18 October. That's all there is to it. The dinner is free for the Early Bird only. Guests, kids over 12, etc. will have to pay for their meal at \$10.50 per person. Here's an idea. Sign up your guest(s) and kids as a member of the Legion family before 15 October and they too will get a free meal!

If you're not already an Early Bird, let's "git 'er done!" Renew or sign up before the deadline!



From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

I can't believe it's September already? Each year seems to go by faster and faster. Summer will soon be coming to an end and "Old Man Winter" will be here.

The District 7 Ice Cream Social on August 11 was a hit at the McCandless Veterans' Nursing Home. All who participated had a wonderful time and met some interesting Veterans.

Our monthly membership meeting is September 8th, so come down and join us for breakfast at 9 am, and our meeting at 10:00 am. Just a reminder for Membership, 2019 Membership Drive season has begun, and as an incentive to renew early we are having an Early Bird Dinner. This means if you renew or join as a new member for 2019 before October 15th you will get a free dinner later that month.

September 15th is "All Patient Day Activities." This is a day we 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 11:30 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. Our National President will be stopping by during this event.

Healing Warriors is a wonderful organization that comes to Post 209 the 4th Saturday of the month and gives healing massage therapy to Veterans & families. They are having a fundraiser Sept 15. They are participating in the Outlets of Castle Rock Shopping Extravaganza. This is a fundraiser for Healing Warriors, and a portion of each ticket sold with their name on it, will be donated to them. It's really a fun day, and a great way to start holiday shopping.

Also, I'd like to thank our Legion Riders for offering to let us do a breakfast fundraiser for the ALR Annual Poker Run on the 25th of August. Thanks to everyone that helped cook and serve the breakfast and for helping set up, tear down and registration.

We have the homeless Veteran Stand Down on October 16th. We've been asked to help provide meals for the Veterans and their family, so keep an eye out for more information on this.

Thanks to all that have supported our Christmas ornament fundraiser so far. The sale of the Christmas Ornament is still ongoing for the price of \$15.00 each.

Happy Birthday to Cleo Allgood, Starr Baines, Lisa (Marie) Brandt, Carmalita Duenas, Ayanna Espinola, Barbara Fisher, Katie Kernan, Durel Lusher, Amy Mitchell, Linda Mussmann, Judith (Judy) Nelson, Addy Smith, Joyce Taylor and Veronica Zeitvogel. Make sure to wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

For more details on what is going on, please look at the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly! **Just a reminder that there is NO Auxiliary Dinner in September.**



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 early we are having an Early Bird Dinner on October 19th. What does that mean? If you have renewed or joined as a new member for 2019 prior to October 15th, you get a free dinner from the Post. All you have to do to be eligible for this dinner is to pay your 2019 dues before this date and RSVP.

Department is having its Recruiting Drive again this year. For every new American Legion member you recruit, your name is entered into 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 12th. The more new members you recruit the more chances you have to win. We had two winners last year from the Post.

The District 7 Fall Conference will be hosted by Post 209 on November 3, 2018 starting at 1:00pm. Officers from Department will be down to fill us in on what is happening within the Department of Colorado. The reason for the late start is the Colorado Springs Veterans Day parade is that morning starting at 10am. The Post is registered for the Veterans Day parade and we will have the semi-truck back this year, so come down for the Veterans Day parade and then come to the Post for the Fall Conference.

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



**From the Sr. Vice Commander
Eric Testorff**

Fellow Veterans, there is an opportunity for you to serve our departed brothers and sisters and their family members.

As you may know, the new Pikes Peak National Cemetery is scheduled to begin burials this October. What you may not know is that American Legion Post 209 has taken a leadership role in the creation of a new, all-Veterans group to assist the Active Duty Honors Teams in rendering Final Honors to our deceased Veterans. The name of this group is the Pikes Peak Veterans Honor Guard, or PPVHG.



There are other Veteran Service Organizations in the Pikes Peak region who are teaming up with Post 209 in this endeavor, as well as the Colorado Army National Guard, the VA, and the Director and staff at the new National Cemetery itself. We are all determined to aid the Active Duty Teams whenever we are needed. However, we are also in agreement that the need for volunteers is going to be great, as the initial influx of burials could be substantial. This is why I am writing to you now.

Director Paul LaGrange and Specialist Richard Munoz of the new National Cemetery will be holding a special presentation at Post 209 on Monday evening, September 10th at 6:pm. Specialist Munoz will be presenting the specifics of just how our Honors Teams will be performing their jobs during ceremonies at the cemetery.

The majority of our duties will consist of manning the ceremonial rifle squad and firing the volleys in salute to a departed Veteran during Final Honors. Any PPVHG volunteer must be a U.S. military Veteran willing to wear the Honor Guard uniform, and train alongside our dedicated Honor Guard members. Our team endeavors to always provide the professionalism and military bearing befitting the Final Honors rendered to a United States Military Veteran. These loved ones and their family members deserve no less.

If you are interested, I encourage you to come to Rich Munoz's presentation on September 10th, or attend one of our Monday night Post 209 Honor Guard meetings at 6:pm. If you have ever wanted to honor the sacrifice and dedication of our nation's Veterans, now is the time to step up.



Looking for Legionnaires' Owned Businesses and/or Services to Offer!

Do you own or work for a business providing services and/or products? Would you like to register your business with us?

I can't tell you how many times I've needed or been asked if I knew a Veteran owned business offering services or products. I know that with a Post as large as ours, we have several who could fit into one or several of those categories. We want to know who you are.

Let us know what products or services you offer and whether you can extend a discount to a fellow Legionnaire. We are creating a database so we can help you grow your business while also helping our members find good Veteran owned businesses or Veterans who work for a business that may have something we need. We're not saying we will necessarily recommend your business, but we will let them know about you.

Do you need a fireplace or work on your existing fireplace? We know someone who can help.

Do you need to replenish your bar at home? A member of our Post owns a Liquor Store and they offer discounts to Legionnaires every day.

Do you need some plumbing help? A member of our Post works for a well-known and respected plumbing company.

We know there are MANY others out there and in our Post. Let us know. Contact Marvin Weaver Jr. to get your name and your company's name on the list!



QUEEN OF HEARTS PROGRESSIVE CARD RAFFLE

License # 2018-12982

CURRENT JACKPOT OVER \$2,000 - September

****MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN****

Have you heard about our Queen of Hearts Progressive Card Raffle? It's held every Friday night when there is a Post event and it's open to members only (Legionnaire, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders). Tickets are just \$1 each and you can purchase as many as you like. Tickets are placed in a roller and one ticket is drawn for the evening. The winner gets to select one card from the board and winnings are determined by the card selected. Consolation prizes range from \$5.00 to \$50.00 and if you pick the Queen of Hearts you win the Grand prize!

So far, the Queen of Hearts has remained hidden but the following people have won a consolation prize:

3/09/2018	Helen Rydell	\$5	2 of Spades
3/16/2018	Gary Harmon	\$30	Ace of Diamonds
3/23/2018	Marvin Weaver Jr	\$5	2 of Clubs
3/30/2018	Dennis Reed	\$5	4 of Diamonds
4/06/2018	Jackie Bowen	\$5	4 of Spades
4/13/2018	Joe Schmidt	\$50	Queen of Diamonds
4/20/2018	Helen Rydell	\$5	5 of Clubs
4/27/201	Lino Calica	\$10	7 of Clubs
5/4/2018	Rusty Bower	\$20	Jack of Diamonds
5/11/2018	Jeff Stanke	\$20	King of Spades
5/18/2018	Ron Sanchez	\$10	8 of Spades
5/25/2018	Mike Barger	\$40	Joker
6/1/2018	Joe Schmidt	\$5	4 of Hearts
7/20/18	Boys State	\$10	8 of Hearts
8/17/18	Rusty Bower	\$5	2 of Hearts

Come to the Post and get in on the fun! You can have a great meal and who knows, you may be the one to pick that elusive Queen of Hearts and go home a lot richer!



Motorcycle Minute From our American Legion Riders

President Grady "K Bar" Mitchell

With the end of August, the year is three quarters over, and our busiest riding month is in the books. We had the Annual POW/MIA Rally, with a run from Woodland Park to Cripple Creek. Mother Nature made the ride interesting, but as always, it was fun. It's always good to see so many brothers and sister riders turn out to honor our POW's/MIA's.

We also held our own Poker Run on August 25th, and had a great time as well as raising some money to help our Vets. John Hanchek set us up with a scenic course, and the Group pitched in to make it successful.

Coming up this month, we've got the first Colorado ROMP, a gathering of ALR Groups throughout the state. We'll be meeting in Buena Vista the 7th – 9th for fun and games, and a chance to get to know Riders from all corners of the state. Should be a great experience.

Until next time, keep the rubber side down, and be safe out there.

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



From the Jr. Vice Commander

Stan "Sgt. Ski" Krasinski

Good day my American Legion family and future volunteers. I must ask, why should one consider volunteering and assisting the organization they are a member of...to assist a veteran, a child, to honor our 4 pillars?

Helping others kindles happiness, as many studies have demonstrated. When researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness in a large group of American adults, they found the more people volunteered, the happier they were, according to a study in Social Science and Medicine. Compared with people who never volunteered, the odds of being "very happy" rose 7% among those who volunteer monthly and 12% for people who volunteer every two to four weeks. Among weekly volunteers, 16% felt very happy—a hike in happiness comparable to having an income of \$75,000–\$100,000 versus \$20,000, say the researchers.

1. Consider this: Volunteering and its Surprising Benefits...How Giving to Others Makes You Healthier and Happier: Benefits of volunteering: 4 ways to feel healthier and happier

1. Volunteering connects you to others
2. Volunteering is good for your mind and body
3. Volunteering can advance your career
4. Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life

Benefit 1: Volunteering connects you to others One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. And volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.

Make new friends and contacts. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. It strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities.

Increase your social and relationship skills. While some people are naturally outgoing, others are shy and have a hard time meeting new people. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to practice and develop your social skills, since you are meeting regularly with a group of people with common interests. Once you have momentum, it's easier to branch out and make more friends and contacts.

Volunteering as a family.

Children watch everything you do. By giving back to the community, you show them firsthand how volunteering makes a difference and how good it feels to help other people and animals and enact change. It's also a valuable way for you to get to know organizations in the community and find resources and activities for your children and family.

Taken from and please visit www.helpguide.org.

'We can only make a difference if we are involved...participants not spectators.'



From SAL Squadron Commander

Stanley "Sgt. Ski" Krasinski

Good day my American Legion family and SAL Brethren, Sons of The American Legion Founded in 1932, exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

It is renewal time for membership dues in the Sons of The American Legion. As you know, membership is the life blood of any organization. Your membership dues contribute to the overall programs of the Sons of The American Legion and keeps our membership growing. You are important to us. Your promptness in forwarding dues at this time will be deeply appreciated. Please visit the Sons of The American Legion web-site and view all the current stories at <https://www.legion.org/sons>.

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From The Immediate Past Post Commander, and District 7 Commander

Mike Barger

You may have seen some of us walking around the Post with a new American Legion Polo shirt that has "Team 100" on it and are probably asking yourself the meaning of this shirt.

Well, it has to do with the Legion becoming 100 years old. I was fortunate enough to make it back to Indianapolis for the Membership Conference, and here is a little bit of information I took away from it. Each year, the Leading Candidate for National Commander comes up with his/her theme, and this year is no different. The Leading Candidate for National Commander this year is Brett Reistad from the state of Virginia. By the time this newsletter is printed, he will probably be the new National Commander for 2018-19. His theme this year is "Celebrating the Legacy: Team 100." The meaning behind this is that it's time we turn this decline of membership around, and steer this organization back to where it was years before.

Who is this team? This team is comprised of Leadership, Officers and all members of The American Legion. We're all one team, and we're all stakeholders in this organization, and we all play a vital role in the success/failure of this organization. We need everyone to take ownership, for if we do we will not fail in our goal of getting this organization back to what it used to be. We all know there are eligible members out there, we just need find them, educate them on what the Legion is and what it does.

Once we get them, we need to engage them and make them feel welcome. I've heard from some members that transferred to our Post, and new members we signed up that they didn't feel welcomed when they came into the Post for the first time, and they didn't feel anyone even wanted them there. I can relate to this along with our current Post Commander, that when we first joined this Post we felt the same thing. If it wasn't for the Legion Riders starting up, we may not have stayed here. Thankfully, that attitude changed.

We need to promote ourselves, educate our communities about our history and our programs. I know we do a pretty good job this within our Post, but we can always do better. We have a couple of individuals from our Post that are members of COALPA (Colorado American Legion Press Association), and they have taken it upon themselves to help promote our Post and its programs. We need to continue engaging our local media to help get the word out about what we do and who we are. The key to our membership is working and selling the programs, from Americanism and Patriotism, the Youth programs and what we do for our Veterans when they need some assistance, meaning the Service Officer (Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation).

Brett quoted, "A wise person one said, to succeed, you must first believe that you can. Success isn't just about what you accomplished in your life, it's about what you inspire others to do."

From me to you, I know at the August general membership meeting you were visited by the District 7 officers, and I wasn't available to be there because I was in Indianapolis. But I'd like to let you know that at every Post visit we do throughout the District this year we're challenging every Post that we'd like to see the entire District at 100% by the end of March. I know that may be a stretch for some Posts, but if we all pull together, we can achieve and surpass this without any problems. The Department has set our goal for the entire state at 19,938 members, and our District has pledged to get 3000+. We can do it with your help.

TEAM 100



From the Sergeant-at-Arms

Joe Schmidt

As I look for inspiration to write I find myself going back to a bible verse. 1 Peter 4:10," Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms." It is a compelling message in a short sentence. It really is a representation of the American Legion Family. We are all sharing the gifts God gave us to better the lives and communities in which we live. We share God's grace in every event we do, we use the tools given to us to brighten the lives of others. Let us continue to grow and share our gifts with Veterans and their families and help others show the Colorado Springs community what it means to be a Legionnaire.



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WALK OF HONOR

Buy A Brick Fundraiser!

If you've attended our meetings over the past year, you may have heard us discuss plans for a new fundraising effort. We are partnering with Polar Engraving to offer our members, family, friends, and our corporate Veteran-friendly supporters an opportunity to purchase an engraved brick to adorn our landscaping project we are working. The bricks are engraved using a hybrid method that combines both laser engraving and sandblasting. The engraving is then painted using the same paint used on tombstones so it's extremely durable. Here are the details/answers to questions we anticipate:

- **What Are We Having?** A Brick Fundraising Event
- **Why?** To Further Funding of our American Legion Programs and Offset Increasing Costs
- **What Size Are the Bricks?** We are offering 4"x 8" or 8"x 8" bricks for individuals, and 8"x 8" or 12"x 12" bricks for our corporate supporters.
- **What are the Costs for the Individual Bricks?** Prices range from \$90 to \$200, depending on size, style and lettering desired. For the 8x8 or 12x12 bricks, you can add a second emblem. Contact the Adjutant for ordering details. There is **NO** additional cost for the second emblem on the larger bricks.
- **What are the Costs for the Corporate/Veteran Supporter Bricks?** Prices range from \$250 to \$500, again depending on size, style and lettering.
- **What is the Difference between Individual and Corporate Bricks?** Individual bricks are identified for Veterans, and family members of Veterans wishing to purchase a brick to honor their Veteran. The corporate bricks are for our Veteran-friendly supporters and businesses who wish to show their continued support to our Nation's heroes by purchasing a brick.
- **Is the Brick Purchase Restricted to Members of the Post 209 Family?** No. We encourage members to buy a brick for themselves as a lasting memory of their association with Post 209. We also welcome anyone to purchase a brick for their Veteran loved one, or to show their support to our Veterans.
- **Can I Buy a 12"x 12" Brick for Myself/Loved One?** Absolutely!
- **Where Do I Go to Buy a Brick?** Visit <http://polarengraving.com/ALPost209> to buy your brick. The site is very user-friendly and will walk you through the design and purchase. You will be able to see a preview of your brick before finalizing the purchase.
- **How Do I Pay For the Brick?** We have the site setup to accept payment via PayPal or by check. PayPal is an extremely safe way to purchase a brick and you don't need a PayPal account to use it.
- **Where Will the Brick Be Shipped?** All bricks will be shipped to the Post. We will notify you when it arrives and you are welcome to stop by and see the brick you have purchased.
- **What Will Become of My Brick?** It will be placed near the Flagpole at the Post and will be part of the landscaping design we are working. If you are a landscaper or know a good one (preferably a Veteran), have them contact our Adjutant.
- **How Long Will this Fundraiser Effort Last?** We plan to only sell as many bricks as needed for the first phase of the landscaping project. Currently, that is anticipated to be 600 bricks, but that number may change depending on brick sizes purchased and the final design approved by the Post.
- **Will I Have an Opportunity to Buy a Brick Later?** Quite possibly. It depends on what is decided/ approved for the next phase of our project.

Order your brick(s) now to ensure you get one in Phase One of our project. If you buy multiple bricks, let our Adjutant know and we will make certain they are all placed together.



From the Historian

Art "AJ" Carter

Events you may have participated in or missed during July and August:

July:

Jul 11 thru 14: We volunteered in the "Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo", chaired by David and Becky Hall. This event is Nonprofit, the proceeds help to support service members and their families in the Pikes Peak area.

Jul 14: At our General Membership Meeting: Annette Johnson-CO District 4 Commander, Presented CO Department Coins to the Members of Post 209 Honor Guard. Cub Scout Pack 24 was Honored. Accompanying the Scouts were: Jennifer Locke-Scout Leader and Melinda Reeves-Scout Volunteer.

Jul 25: We hosted the annual "Tribute to Fallon Soldiers, Torch Run." Chaired by Grady Mitchell-President of Post 209 Riders (ALR). It's a Cross Country (19 day / 3,500 miles) motorcycle ride escorting the "Fallon Soldiers Memorial Flame" from Eugene, OR to the Arlington National Cemetery, DC. They stop along the way to Honor the Families of the Fallen. This Year Escorts are Volunteers from: OR, VA, IO, WA, WY, ID, NE, & PA. We also provided Shelter and meals prepared by Art Kimbrel-Post Building Manager, and the Auxiliary; Cathy Barger, Jackie Bowen, and Kellie Hays.

Jul 28: We hosted the monthly "Healing Warrior Program" from 9am to 1pm. This Program is Free to ALL Veterans, Active Duty, their Spouses, and Parents and no appointment is needed. The Therapists are all registered, and they are all volunteers. The Volunteers are: Bridget Marasco, Karen Orlosky, Pat Johnson, Ana Yelen, Yvonne Pipper, and David Gleason.

August:

Aug 4: We Supported the "Veteran Fest", Hosted at the Sky Sox Stadium. Our booth was manned in the morning by Joe Schmidt-Post Sergeant at Arms/District 7 Historian and Art "AJ" Carter-Post Historian. Post Members were also manning the NCOA Booth, in which they're also members of: Mike Wescott, Kris Floyd, Pat Weaver, and Marvin Weaver Sr.

Aug 11: At our General Membership Meeting: Jay Bowen-Alternate National Executive Committee (ANEC) presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lino Calica-Post 209 Commander, Marvin Weaver Sr-Post Judge Advocate, and Chip Kossow-CO Jr. Vice Commander for their Support of the "Boys State Golf Tournament. While the General Membership Meeting was going on, we were also participating in a "Gun and Knife Show" hosted at the Colorado Springs Event Center. Manning the Booth: Jeraud Stuart, Ken Taylor, Chuck Sorrels, Larry Johnson, Becky Hall, and David Hall.

Pictures of these events can be found on Legion209.org.

If you have any pictures you would like to share for our 2018-19 yearbook, please send them to me:

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TEXT: (603) 913-3261

Please indicate what the event or occasion is, when, and who is in the picture(s).



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

Origin of NAVY Terminology

Rusty Bower



Rope yarn

1. A period, traditionally on Wednesday afternoons, when a tailor boarded a sailing warship while the vessel was in port; the crew was excused from most duties and had light duty mending uniforms and hammocks and darning socks. When the ship was at sea, the crew similarly was excused from most duties on Wednesday afternoons to engage in mending chores. Wednesday afternoons, like Sundays, thus were a more social time which allowed crewmen a rest from their normal duties, similar to a Sunday, and, because the crew used rope yarn for mending, Wednesday afternoon became known as rope yarn Sunday. After uniforms began to require less care, and through the mid-20th century, this was a period on Wednesday afternoon when naval crew members were excused from their regular duties to run personal errands. Since the mid-20th century, this is now any period of free time when a naval crew is given early liberty or otherwise excused from its normally scheduled duties. It is also one of threads of which a rope is composed.



Air Force Falcon Football!



Summer has gone very quickly!

We have a very generous Legionnaire that donated tickets to five (5) Air Force Falcons home games (all home games for the 2018 season except Navy). For each game, we have four tickets.

We are raffling off the tickets for each game. **This will be four separate raffles; one for each game.** The cost for a ticket is \$1 each or 6 raffle tickets for \$5. The first game against Stony Brook was already raffled and won for their 1 September game. **We had that drawing on Friday, 24 August during our Chef's Night dinner.**

You do not need to be present to win, but you have to hurry if you want a chance to attend one of these great games.

For each game, you will get four tickets in M-7 Row-B, seats 24-27, along with Chair backs for all four seats, and parking passes.

Donated are:

Nevada: Game is 29 September (4 tickets each); Time TBA later; Valued at \$140

Boise St: Game is 27 October (4 tickets each); Time 5:00pm MST; Valued at \$140

New Mexico: Game is 10 Nov. (4 tickets each); Time 1:30pm MST; Valued at \$140

Colorado St: Game is 22 November (4 tickets each); Time 1:30pm MST; Valued at \$140

More information to follow on the games very soon, but if you are interested, you need to let Marvin Weaver Jr. know **NOW!!!!**

Bringing a Little South to the West

Past Post Commander Jay Bowen

I was recently reminded that occasionally some of the terms and statements I use when writing these articles and in conversation with folks around the state doesn't translate very well. So I thought I would help bridge that gap and educate you guys and gals from the West on how we communicate in the South. Here are a few examples that should help you understand me and when talking with my Southern brothers and sisters.

Please keep in mind you should not try to say these phrases at home; you could hurt yourself. The intent here is just to help you understand the few Southern gentlemen and ladies who have migrated to Colorado.

Djeetyet? This is a question we ask to determine if you've dined. Some folks would translate that to mean, "Did you eat yet?"

Nyet. Dju? This is a normal response to the above question if the answer is to let the requester know they have not had the opportunity to eat and to inquire if the questioner had eaten. If you wanted to take the long way to answer, you would say, "Not yet, did you?"

Yaontto? In keeping with the above conversation, many of my Southern brethren would ask the person if they would like to join them for a meal. This, in long version would be, "Do you want to (have something to eat with me)?"

Aiight! This response means I will gladly accept your invitation to dine and thank you for the invitation. Some people not from the South would probably say, "Alright," or okay.

The folks having the above conversation would typically be referring to dinner or supper. And there is a difference between the two. In most Southern communities, dinner is the noon-time meal, and supper is the evening meal. You can really confuse and upset a Southerner by asking him or her to meet you for dinner at the nearby Cracker Barrel and then you don't arrive until around 5:00pm. They will be there at noon.

When communicating with a Southerner, a common response to most statements and opinions is, "I heard that!" This statement isn't an acknowledgement that the words or message uttered was received audibly. It means the person is in total agreement with the statement or they support the opinion. If a Yankee wanted to show agreement, they would probably say something like, "I agree, and might I say the knowledge you demonstrated and your presentation on this subject is indicative of the vast amount of wisdom you possess!"

A real favorite of mine and most Southern gentlemen when communicating with ladies is to call them "Hon," or "Sweetie." We are not being flirtatious when we say this, it is merely our way of addressing ladies in a good ole down home way without having to try and remember their name. Southern men are very sensitive to calling people by the right name. We know not remembering someone's name is an insult and suggests you didn't think enough of the person to actually remember who they are. To combat this, we call all ladies by something like "Sweetie," or "Sugar." This not only compliments the lady being addressed, it also prevents men from having to remember all those different names, and eventually calling them by the wrong name. Heck, I didn't even know Jackie's real name until after we'd been married for 5 years.

And you have the same issue when addressing most men. To counter this, we normally just call all guys "Bubba." If you've read many of my articles, you may remember that's what I call my brother Eddie. Quite frankly, Bubba sounds better than Eddie anyway.

I think the last one I want to share with you for now is a statement made by many Southerners, mostly men, which should be taken as words of extreme caution or danger depending on the situation. If you hear a "good ole boy" from the South say, "Here! Hold my beer and watch this!" you need to either have them stop the truck so you can get out, or you need to make certain you are not in the line of fire, whichever is appropriate for the situation. Most of the time this statement means he's had just enough alcoholic libation in his system to actually believe he can replicate that stunt he recently saw on TV, only he can do it without winding up in the hospital. It has been my experience that nothing safe or smart follows that statement. It should always be considered a sign of warning. If you don't heed my advice, just make certain you have very good health insurance or that your family has a good life insurance policy. You're almost guaranteed to need one or both. I heard that!



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Calendar of Events (see back page for the September Calendar)

October

- 3rd; Marksmanship Training, 6:30pm
- 4th; Young Guns, 6:30pm
- 4th; Post Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 5th; Hamdogger Nite
- 10th; Marksmanship Training, 6:30pm
- 11th; Young Guns, 6:30pm
- 12th; ALR Dinner, **(RSVP Required!)** 6:00pm **(\$9.00)**
- 13th; Breakfast, 9:00am
- 13th; Legion/Aux. General Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- 15th; ALR Executive Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- 16th; Veterans' Stand Down
- 17th; Marksmanship Training, 6:30pm
- 18th; Young Guns, 6:30pm
- 18th; Fundraising Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 19th; Early Bird Dinner **(RSVP Required!)**, 6:00pm
- 23rd; ALR Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hour, 5:30pm
- 23rd; SAL Monthly Meeting, 5:45pm
- 24th; Marksmanship Training, 6:30pm
- 25th; Young Guns, 6:30pm
- 26th; Chef's Choice **(RSVP Required)**, 6:00pm **(\$10.50)**
- 27th; Healing Warriors, 9:00am
- 31st; Marksmanship Training, 6:30pm
- **31st; Happy Halloween!**

November

- 1st; Post Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 2nd; Hamdogger Nite
- 9th; Auxiliary Dinner, **(RSVP Required!)** 6:00pm **(\$9.00)**
- 10th; Breakfast, 9:00am
- 10th; Legion/Aux. General Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- 15th; Fundraising Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 16th; Steak Night, **(RSVP Required!)**, 6:00pm, **(\$14.50)**
- 16th; Turkey Shoot
- 19th; ALR Executive Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- **22nd; Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 27th; Healing Warriors, 9:00am
- 27th; ALR Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hour, 5:30pm
- 27th; SAL Monthly Meeting, 5:45pm

September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 September; POW/MIA Remembrance Day						1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	7 Hamdogger CANCELLED! 	8 Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13 Young Guns 6:30pm 	14	15 All Patient's Day! Pueblo VA Nursing Home 9:00am  
16	17 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	18	19 Marksmanship 6:30pm 	20 Young Guns 6:30pm  Fundraising Committee 7:00pm	21 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	22 Fall begins Healing Warriors 9:00am - 12:30pm
23	24	25 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm  	26 Marksmanship 6:30pm 	27 Young Guns 6:30pm 	28 \$10.50 Meal Chef's Choice! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!   	29
30	Notes:					



Happy Labor Day!



Get out and enjoy the last days of Summer before the weather turns to Winter!



Have a safe Labor Day

