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## From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Mike Barger

Once again, 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 committee goes out to you all.

Here's something that our Riders may not have known. On Oct. 17-18, 2007, The American Legion National Executive Committee passed Resolution 35 and adopted The American Legion Riders as a national program of The American Legion. The first American Legion Riders chapter was established by American Legion Post 396 in Garden City, Mich. in 1993. It's amazing all the work and good things the Riders do for The American Legion and their communities.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). NDEAM is a nationwide campaign celebrating the skills and talents workers with disabilities bring to our workplaces. "By fostering a culture that embraces individual differences, including disabilities, businesses profit by having a wider variety of tools to confront challenges," says Jennifer Sheehy Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for disability employment policy. "Our nation's most successful companies proudly make inclusion a core value. They know that inclusion works. It works for workers, it works for employers, it works for opportunity, and it works for innovation." Let's ensure our disabled Veterans get a fair shake and fair opportunity in our workforce to prove, that just because they have a disability, that they're still a viable person to employee. If you know of any Veterans that need assistance finding work or need a little help with their resume writing or interview skills, please contact me and I will get you in touch with someone that'll gladly assist them with this.

I have a passion for volunteering. When is the last time you volunteered or thought about volunteerism? Maybe you have plans to volunteer this holiday season or you are a regular volunteer in your community and Legion. Maybe you volunteered as a high school or college student. Or maybe volunteerism hasn't even entered your mind in years. How do you define volunteerism? This can be defined in three criteria. 1<sup>st</sup>, the action should be carried out voluntarily, according to an individual's own freewill, and not as an obligation stipulated by law, contract or academic requirement. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the action should not be undertaken primarily for financial reward. And 3<sup>rd</sup>, the action should be for the common good. It should directly or indirectly benefit people outside the family or household or else benefit a cause, even though the person volunteering normally benefits as well. All three of these are great reasons to volunteer here at the Post. What motivates you? Do you have a special skill that you could offer? If so, please let me know and I'll gladly take you up on these. I've seen some folks come forward already, and it's great to see, but we can always use more.

A big thank you goes out to all those who participated in the Neal Thomas Jr. Memorial Ride and those that attended the Post Renaming and Post Everlasting ceremonies that followed. This shows a lot of what our Post is about for us to come out and honor one of our most beloved members. Also, for all those that came out to meet the newly elected Auxiliary National President Mary Davis and the National Commander Charles Schmidt, thank you. It's not every year that we get the privilege to have 2 National Commanders and 2 National Presidents come to our Post in the same year.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year upon us, we still have things to do. We will be supporting the Veteran's Stand Down on October 18<sup>th</sup> and if anyone is interested in volunteering at this event (hint, hint), please contact the Auxiliary President Cathy Barger and she will get you on the list. Along with the Stand Down, we will be asked to provide 3 to 4 meals for all those that we're able to put into hotel rooms waiting for housing assistance. The Auxiliary will be asking for some volunteers to help with this also. Along with that, the Riders are still collecting food for the holiday food baskets, but remember, no turkeys till November. If you bring in non-perishable food items to any meals you attend here at the Post from now till Thanksgiving, you'll receive a \$.50 discount on your meal.



## From the Unit 209 President

Cathy Barger

Busy, busy, busy. That's what we were in September with the visits of the newly elected Auxiliary National President Mary Davis on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the National Commander Charles Schmidt on September 14<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to thank all those that volunteered their time during these events at the Post. Also, I'd like to thank all those that volunteered at "All Activities Day" on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Without your time and dedication, All Patients Day would not have been a huge success. Thanks to SAL, Riders and Legion, for donating along with the Auxiliary, the funds to allow us to purchase items for the event.

**FREE.** Did I hear free? Everyone likes free. Early bird dinner is coming up on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is for all Legion family members who renew their membership or are signing up with Centennial Post 209 for the first time. All memberships need to be active for the 2017 calendar year by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to receive the free dinner offered by the Post. RSVP's must be made and the dinner will be at 6pm.

It's hard to believe that Halloween is around the corner. On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Post we will be having our annual Halloween party. The party begins at 2:00 pm and this will be a potluck, so please make sure to bring something that can feed 4 to 5 people. You must RSVP to Jackie Bowen by October 25<sup>th</sup> with the number of kids under 12 who will be attending. We'll have games and/or movies for the young ones. Even the adults can join in the fun. Can't wait to see everyone's costumes, adults included.

Happy Birthday to Karen Beard, Jackie Burd, Susan Calica, Kaitlyn Cancellieri, Jean Chladek, Joan Ciani, Elinor Eastman, Mary Grier, Joyce Horne, Kourtney Kimbrel, Patty Lollar, Jennifer Manriquez, Annie Peterson, Esther Redington, Margie Roth, Kari Ann Smith, Mavis Spath, Susan Thompson, Beatrice Trujillo, Theresa Wiederspahn. Make sure to wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

October is Oktoberfest month and the ALR dinner is Rouladen. Come down and support the riders, and make sure to RSVP.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly!

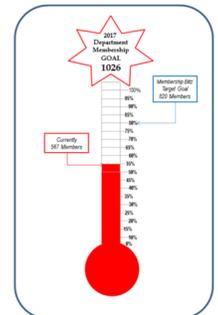


## From the Senior Vice Commander

Lino Calica

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

Currently, Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209 membership is at 567 new and existing members who have renewed their membership for fiscal year 2017. At this time there is a 90 day membership blitz, we are currently at 55%, we need approximately 820 members to meet 80% of the 2017 department membership goal to receive the MAJOR AWARD at the Mid-Year Conference.



As you recruit, briefly advise the Veterans on the different programs within the American Legion; *The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, American Legion Riders, and Young Guns*

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)



## Yum, Yum, Eat'em up!!

### Butter Braid Sale



Auxiliary fundraiser time again. Starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>, butter braids go on sale. Tell your friends, neighbors, and your neighbors' friends about the sale. Orders must be made no later than November 4<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date is November 9<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 209. The price is \$13.00 per braid and payment must be made before the delivery date. Call Jackie Bowen, (719) 574-1223, to place an order over the phone and then mail a check to her or discuss receipt of payment when you call. Thanks for supporting your Auxiliary.

### FLAVORS:

Caramel Rolls (9 rolls), Cherry, Apple, Blueberry, Cinnamon, and Strawberry and Cream Cheese.

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



# It's A Halloween Party!



**Where?** Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209

**When?** Saturday, 29 October from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**Why?** Because it's Halloween, duh!

**Details:** This is a potluck affair. Please bring enough food for everyone in your party, plus 3-4 more. RSVPs to Jackie Bowen are required no later than Tuesday, 25 October. When you RSVP, let her know how many kids you are bringing, male/female, and their age.

**Prizes?** Of course! We will award prizes for the best costume in 4 categories:

- Male and Female 1-6 year old
- Male and Female 7-12 year old
- Male and Female Over 12
- Couples

Costumes are not required, but encouraged. That's part of the fun.

Come on out. We will have a ghoulishly good time! And don't forget the garlic to ward off the evil spirits.





The fall class for Junior Shooting began on September 14, 2016 with eight students attending. Introduction of instructors and students came first, followed by the fifteen-point safety pledge that was reviewed and signed by all students.

Next, we had a very special guest come and address our class, Charles E. Schmidt, the newly elected National Commander of the American Legion! The Commander spoke about Legion programs and the many opportunities available to youth through the American Legion. Colorado was his third visit after election in August and we are very honored to have him here.



After the Commander's visit, the class continued with Rusty Bower presenting an



overview of clothing, equipment and supplies that are used in three position shooting. Gun safety and range commands came next with Bill Weeks, followed by operation of the air rifle with Jesse Wade. Students finished up the evening by selecting an air rifle that they will use for the duration of the class. Class will continue next Wednesday with more instruction and shooting from the bench rest position.

You can check us out on Face Book where there are pictures and a video. Just go to [legion209.org](http://legion209.org) and click on the Young Guns Icon that is on the lower left side of the Home Page.

Ken Taylor  
Junior Shooting Chairman

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**From the Service Officer**  
Lyle Hagelberg

I just finished reading the American Legion Auxiliary magazine for August 2016 and found an interesting article on Gold Star Mothers and Widows. In fact, my wife Liliane brought to my attention that the name of the World War I cemetery in Romague, France, was misspelled. This is no big deal, just a word with one letter wrong. So what! We all have been guilty of this. But it just happens that her grandmother lived in Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, the French village that borders this largest US overseas cemetery of 14,246 graves. This is called the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Liliane, as a child, spent many hours with her cousins walking about this cemetery. It is shaped as a bowl with a goldfish pond in the middle and that was an enticement to children. We visited this site several times in the many years we spent in Europe. Each time I was amazed at the care of this as well as other overseas cemeteries we saw. The American Battle Monuments Commission is in charge of each and everyone of them and they do a great job. This is just a personal note on the Auxiliary article. It is a great article in the event you did not have a chance to read it.



## From the Jr. Vice Commander - I Met Henry

Bob Caddell

Last year during the homeless Vets Stand down I met Henry. Henry is Veteran of the Army, era 1970's. What stood out about Henry that would make me write about him? He was in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne out of Fort Bragg, NC. He did a 4-year tour; nothing special there. He is a homeless Veteran, unemployed, and short on memory. I'm an employed Navy Veteran with a couple of lucky breaks and working in good paying job, happily married for 36 and a half years, one son that is my world, and a roof over my head.

My situation is much different from Henry's, but as the saying goes "But for the grace of God, there go I. You ask why I am writing about meeting Henry. Cause Henry and I grew up in the same little town In Colorado. He is 3 years older than I am but we walked the same streets, went to the same schools, and shopped the same business while growing up eight streets apart.

I don't know if Henry and I ever met before but it is possible, don't you think? I did not find much personal information about Henry other than what I listed above as we talked more about growing up in our hometown, than anything else. The Quick Shake Inn, the Baptist and Catholic churches that were right next door to each other; he was Baptist and I was Catholic. The Sims Super grocery store, the two gas stations, the A&W drive-in. The 5 & Dime, better known a Duckwalls. So on and so on.

We went to North Elementary and we both remember the Principle; Mr. Munoz. We both went to Sproul Junior High; I lived just down the hill from there and only one block over from North. We both went to Widefield High, he was closer to the High School as he lived on Rose Dr.

After about an hour of talking and reminiscing, he wanted to go have a smoke. On the way out of the hotel he looked back at me and said," You went to Widefield? I went to Widefield." Henry said the time between 1961 and 1970 while growing up in our hometown as he put it "was the best time of my life."

I am a new member of Post 209. This was my first encounter with the Veterans Stand down that takes place each year. We support the Stand down with a show of allegiance for the Vets that participate. They come off the street, are cleaned up, new clothes, haircuts, and a room for a bit. There are not only men but also women and children, Veteran families are homeless and un-employed. I walked away with a new view of life, a sense of how many have given to the country they call their own. How we need to help our fellow Vets.

Last night I met Henry.

I wrote this last year when I volunteered to help with the Post's dinner during the Veterans Stand down. It is coming up in October by the way. As the Commander has asked all Legionnaires please, find it in you hearts and schedules to support your Post in some sort of volunteer position. It's an experience that is fulfilling and very rewarding.

## From the Adjutant

Marvin Weaver, Jr.



We have a busy next couple months here at the Post. The Post Halloween Party will be October 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4pm. The Homeless Veterans Stand Down will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the city auditorium downtown. The Veterans Day parade will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> along with Saluting America events the following week with School District 11.

Membership renewals have been coming in and we are at 55% of our membership goal. We will be having an Early Bird Dinner on October 28th. What does that mean? If you have renewed or joined as a new member for 2017 prior to October 15th, you get a free dinner on October 28th from the Post. All you have to do to be eligible for this dinner is to pay your 2017 dues by the 15th and to make an RSVP for the dinner.

Department is running a contest to help in recruiting new members. For every new American Legion member 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!

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



# **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

Some readers may recall that I wrote of my brother, Sp4 Thomas E. Testorff, who was killed in action in Vietnam in March of 1971. Tommy's outfit was Company B, 1st Battalion of the 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division - the Screaming Eagles. During Tom's time in the 501<sup>st</sup> over at Company A, there was another soldier fighting in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion: Second Lieutenant Joe R. Hooper.

Joe Ronnie Hooper grew up a tough kid, who was a scrapper known for never backing down from a fight. After a stint in the Navy from 1955-59, he enlisted in the US Army in 1960, working his way up and down the enlisted ranks all the way to Staff Sergeant, busted back down to corporal after a few Article 15's, then back up again. It was as a Sergeant that he found himself facing withering enemy fire from a riverbank with Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn of the 501<sup>st</sup> Airborne Infantry in Hue, Vietnam, on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1968. What would happen on that day would go down in the annals of American military heroism, and earn Joe Hooper our country's highest award for military valor: the Congressional Medal of Honor. His MOH citation carries the story:

"S/Sgt. Hooper rallied several men and stormed across the river, overrunning several bunkers on the opposite shore. Thus inspired, the rest of the company moved to the attack. With utter disregard for his own safety, he moved out under the intense fire again and pulled back the wounded, moving them to safety. During this act S/Sgt. Hooper was seriously wounded, but he refused medical aid and returned to his men. With the relentless enemy fire disrupting the attack, he single-handedly stormed 3 enemy bunkers, destroying them with hand grenade and rifle fire, and shot 2 enemy soldiers who had attacked and wounded the Chaplain. Leading his men forward in a sweep of the area, S/Sgt. Hooper destroyed 3 buildings housing enemy riflemen. At this point he was attacked by a North Vietnamese officer whom he fatally wounded with his bayonet. Finding his men under heavy fire from a house to the front, he proceeded alone to the building, killing its occupants with rifle fire and grenades. By now his initial body wound had been compounded by grenade fragments, yet despite the multiple wounds and loss of blood, he continued to lead his men against the intense enemy fire. As his squad reached the final line of enemy resistance, it received devastating fire from 4 bunkers in line on its left flank. S/Sgt. Hooper gathered several hand grenades and raced down a small trench which ran the length of the bunker line, tossing grenades into each bunker as he passed by, killing all but 2 of the occupants. With these positions destroyed, he concentrated on the last bunkers facing his men, destroying the first with an incendiary grenade and neutralizing 2 more by rifle fire. He then raced across an open field, still under enemy fire, to rescue a wounded man who was trapped in a trench. Upon reaching the man, he was faced by an armed enemy soldier whom he killed with a pistol. Moving his comrade to safety and returning to his men, he neutralized the final pocket of enemy resistance by fatally wounding 3 North Vietnamese officers with rifle fire. S/Sgt. Hooper then established a final line and reorganized his men, not accepting treatment until this was accomplished and not consenting to evacuation until the following morning. His supreme valor, inspiring leadership and heroic self-sacrifice were directly responsible for the company's success and provided a lasting example in personal courage for every man on the field..."

Finishing his career as a captain, Hooper would be one of three Vietnam servicemen to be wounded 8 times. During two combat tours, he earned 37 medals, including the Medal of Honor, two Silver Stars, six Bronze Stars and eight Purple Hearts. The Army credited him with killing 115 North Vietnamese. Many believe the number was higher.

Joe Hooper made it back from Vietnam, but died in Kentucky in 1979 of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 40. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Audie Murphy lies about 60 feet to the south. The two Most-Decorated soldiers are resting, 20 paces apart.

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

## Origin of NAVY Terminology Rusty Bower



**Chewing the Fat** – "God made the vittles but the devil made the cook," was a popular saying used by seafaring men in the 19th century when salted beef was staple diet aboard ship. This tough cured beef, suitable only for long voyages when nothing else was cheap or would keep as well (remember, there was no refrigeration), required prolonged chewing to make it edible. Men often chewed one chunk for hours, just as it were chewing gum and referred to this practice as "chewing the fat."



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## From the Judge Advocate Larry Johnson

We are working on the middle of September, which equates to about 3 months into the 2017 recruitment year. Whether you know it or not we are in a contest to retain our status as number 1 in the Department.

Our Post not only hosted the newly elected American Legion National Commander, but we also hosted the newly elected American Legion Auxiliary National President. According to everything we were told they both enjoyed their time with us.

We are just as busy now and in the future as we have been in the first part of the year. One of the things we really need right now is VOLUNTEERS who are willing to dedicate an hour or two a month in order to keep the Post running. Combined, we have just about 1,400 members, which means that we have a lot of knowledge and experience and know how to keep our Post running. If you have some time and you would like to VOLUNTEER just contact the Commander or the Adjutant or you can call Larry Johnson at 719-930-0232 and we will get back to you.

Hope to see you in the near future.

## An Everlasting Time To Remember, An Everlasting Time To Celebrate Jay Bowen

On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we held three events, all with a similar purpose. Our Riders conducted their first of what we hope to be many Neal Thomas Jr. Memorial Rides. Later that afternoon and evening, we conducted Post renaming and Post Everlasting ceremonies in memory and honor of Neal. The Post name was officially changed earlier in the year. The Post Everlasting ceremony transferred our friend, mentor, and namesake to his heavenly new Post.



The turnout was great and the somber event was well received by the many from across the State who attended. Neal's widow, Lynn was very appreciative of all who participated and attended. She indicated that Neal would have been proud of how the ceremonies were carried out, although he would not have wanted to be the object of attention.



Neal was the consummate Legionnaire. He served our Post, Department and Nation in many positions, including Post Commander for 3 years, Department Commander and National Executive Committeeman. He was on several National level committees, to include the Magazine committee. To the end, he got out of bed every day right to the end to serve our Veterans and their families. He was a confidant and mentor to many, and friend almost everyone who knew him. He is still missed and will be for many years.

The last visit I had with Neal at the hospital, he indicated to me that this was, "The End." I told him that as long as there are Legionnaires who remember him, it will never be the end. He will live in us and his teachings will guide us as we continue to serve.

Rest well, my friend. You are most deserving these honors.



## Motorcycle Minute

Andy Gilbert, President

Volunteerism is the word of the month. Part of what makes us such a great organization is the people who give their time talent and treasure. My mother always said that many hands make light work. In most organizations, 10 percent of the people do 90 percent of the work. Some people sit on the sidelines never knowing what they can do to assist. Some people feel that they are not invited to help. Please contact any one of our coordinators and see what you can do for others. Please help to make things better for everyone.

This last couple of months, we had the ALR Chili and meatloaf dinners, Funeral services, Vietnam War Wall escort, set up, and security detail as well as dismantle and secure the wall. Poker Run volunteers made the difference in the success for our Post. Volunteers make all the difference in the world.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will again assist people whose lives have been shattered to get off the streets. This will not be easy. We will be looking for mentors to help these Vets develop discipline again. Assist in getting jobs, and connected with the VA. We will house them in hotels and help them get their lives back together and feed them. Let it be known that you will not be alone.

Success is never 100 percent but when someone is ready to make the change in their life, we are there and life will never be the same again for them. You can be the change they needed in their life.

Thank you for all you do or will do.



## From Squadron 209

Historian Eric Testorff

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 209 visited the children's section of Saint Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs on Wednesday, 7 September, 2016. The Sons brought a very special cargo with them this evening; a number of "Josh Dog" sets to be given to the children undergoing surgery or other medical procedures.



Josh is a hug-able, plush dog with his own book titled, "I Will Be OK." The children immediately took to their Josh Dogs and will be giving them many hugs throughout their hospital stay, and beyond.

Squadron 209 was joined on this visit by some honored guests

from the American Legion Auxiliary; none other than newly-elected National Auxiliary President Mary Davis, as well as Past Northwest Division National Vice President Pat Steranka, Department of Colorado President Evelyn Espinola, District 7 President Jackie Bowen and Unit 209 President Cathy Barger. Thank you so much ladies, for coming out and supporting the work of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 209.



## Bringing a Little South to the West

By Past Post Commander Jay Bowen

For weather, October was among the best months of the year. The air was cool in the evenings and pleasantly warm during the day and the humidity was very low. The window fan in the kitchen pulled cool air through our bedroom windows and made sleeping comfortable. We didn't have air conditioning growing up, but Dad worked for the Hunter Fan Company so we had plenty of floor and oscillating desk fans to keep air circulated throughout the house. Matter of fact, each of us four kids had a large convertible floor/window fan that we took to school at the beginning of each year. Because there was no air conditioning in the school, we immediately became very popular in our respective classes. I still have my fan and it works as good as when I was in grade school. Let's see, that was about 15 years ago (math was never my strong suit).

October was also Halloween month. Back in the day, everyone participated in "Trick or Treat" on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We didn't know (or didn't care) that it was derived from a pagan holiday. Even if I had known, I would not have known what a pagan was anyway. For us, it was a time to dress up, paint up, get candied or caramel apples, popcorn balls, and/or other goodies from the neighbors. We didn't have to sort through the sack for anything dangerous and Mom didn't throw away our bounty because it wasn't wrapped. It was also a time to pull pranks on neighbors that didn't understand the concept of "**Trick** or Treat." No treat, then we were compelled to trick. The tricks were harmless. We would either "soap" their house or car windows or "paper" their yard with toilet paper, or both depending on the neighbor. It was all done in good fun and no one got hurt. If caught, our reparation was to undo what was done for the trick.

This was also a time for our first 6-weeks school report. Exams were always a problem for me. I think it was just the anticipation of the exam that made me freak out and not do well. Or maybe it was because I was never prepared by doing the homework and paying attention in class. Hmmm. I guess we'll never know. Having a brother a year older and a sister a year younger didn't help much when it came to showing our report card to my parents. I also had a sister about 6 years older, but by the time we were in school she was so far ahead of us her grades didn't matter when my folks started comparing. My brother, Bubba as I've called him for years, and I normally tracked very close with respect to grades. Our younger sister was weird. She typically had nothing but "A's" for grades and "E's" for conduct. Bubba and I would typically turn in "D's" and "F's" for grades and "N's" (needs improvement) or "U's" for conduct. I just know if either of us ever brought home a "C," Dad would be so proud he'd take our report card to work and put it on the Hunter Fan Bulletin Board for all to see. But we rarely had to wonder if that happened. I remember once Bubba and I decided to forge our parent's signature. This would have worked fine if our little sister hadn't given her report card to Mom and Dad. They wanted to know where our card was. We tried to explain we didn't get one. I guess we didn't think that one through. All it took was a simple phone call to find out we were lying. Really, really bad idea. It must have been Bubba's.

I miss the fun and festivities October brought as a child of the 60's. It was a time for candy, dressing up in costumes or just make-up to look like a zombie, pulling pranks, and report cards. Okay, so maybe not all the memories of October will be missed.



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October 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 or Free! Early Bird Dinner! 6:00pm RSVP! 	29 Post Halloween Party! Costumes Encouraged 2-4:00pm 
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 <b>Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade!</b> 
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9 Young Guns 1830-2030 	10 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	11 <b>\$9.00 Meal</b> ALR Dinner - 6:00pm RSVP Required!  <b>Happy Veterans' Day!</b>	12 <b>\$8.50 Breakfast</b> Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am  
13	14	15	16	17 Great American Smokeout	18 <b>\$14.50 Meal</b> 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 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> 	25	26
27	28	29	30	Notes:		

December 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm 	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>Potluck!</b> Post Christmas Party! 4:00pm   
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 ALR Executive Board 6:00pm 	20	21 Winter Solstice (Northern)	22	23	24
25 <b>Merry Christmas!</b> 	26	27	28	29	30	31