

The Centennial



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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander Gregory Smith

I have been watching the Centennial post grow and the attached programs doing the same. As we approach the end of the year and the holiday season, please keep in mind veterans and their families. This is a time to reach out to others and help them where possible. I am bringing this point up because it is critical that we have teams and people available for these veterans. Please monitor the post and program correspondence so you are aware of events and needs of the veterans in the community. Remember, this is our mission as an American Legion member and as part of the American Legion family.

I have been blessed to see all of the energy within the post and how we, as Centennial Post 209 members, can respond to the needs of the veterans in the community. We have stepped up this past month to recognize veterans and to be recognized as veterans. I have gotten to participate in some of these activities and have seen many of the photos and articles about what the Centennial Post has been able to do as a Legion Family. What a proud moment to be a supporter and share as a commander. Thank you to all that have participated, supported, and advised us in this endeavor. Please take a look at the District 7 and Centennial Post 209 Facebook pages, Centennial newsletter, and correspondence. It will make you proud, too, to be a member of the Centennial Post 209 family.

As we go into the holiday season, let's remember each of our comrades and us—the Legion Family. In the coming months, we have support going out to veterans in ways to include food baskets, fundraising events, and social gatherings. The Centennial Post is helping families with food baskets. We have a Christmas Party for our Legion Family; there will be a special guest in attendance. We have another local post in Fountain, Colorado serving a thanksgiving meal.

Because there is such a need to help others and so many events, I need to ask that each of us to volunteer some



days throughout most of November and December; we have rental events that need helpers and monitors; we have post events that need help to include Christmas Party, newsletter folding, and clean up and break down duties after post events. This is a Legion Family and I need to ask that we all get involved at the post level. We have an opportunity to be successful, be a model for other veteran organizations, and to be proud members of the American Legion Family at the Centennial Post 209. Stand up and be recognized as such a member.

As members, we need to continue to share our stories and successes as American Legion members. Please continue to talk to other veterans and their families about how the American Legion has helped you and what the American Legion does for veterans and their families. Tell others how the Centennial Post 209 has become a community voice in helping veterans. Explain to them how we as members believe in Patriotism, Strong National Defense, Taking care of our Veterans, and Mentoring our youth. What a proud moment to be a leader and a guide to those who have the same philosophy.

Please come forth and participate in the Centennial Post 209 mission and direction. We have a goal to have 100% of our membership completed by the end of the year. We are about 75% complete and need your help in achieving our membership goal of 966. Talk to those colleagues you see everyday. Reach out to veterans that need a support to call home. Discuss the American Legion with colleagues, friends, and networks regularly. If you need others to help, please send their contact information to one of our officers or myself. We are here to help you. I am PROUD to be an American Legion legionnaire, Sons of the American Legion member, and American Legion Rider.

The Department of Colorado mid year conference and Department of Colorado Convention is coming soon. The mid year is January 22-25, 2015 at the Elegante Hotel. The Department of Colorado Convention is June 25-28, 2015 at the Elegante Hotel. Please get involved. There will be numerous needs for these events. I will be submitting positions and activities in the next week or so. Thank you in advance for volunteering and representing the Cen-



Auxiliary President Kari Ann Smith

Some of you may have noticed that I didn't write an article for last month's newsletter. I wasn't too busy nor was I just being lazy. I let my lack of confidence over take my better judgment. I knew what I wanted to write about, but wasn't sure I would do the topic justice. Well, I've decided that it was being disrespectful to continue to wait. It may not come out perfectly, but I had to do it.

In October, we lost a great man. While I had not known him as long as some of you, he made an impact on my life. His obituary was written beautifully. His service was amazing. I don't intend to compete with either of these things. What I do intend to do is highlight the one person that continues to impact me. Lynn.

I cannot tell you the countless people that I have met over the years. Not many of them do I look up to, in fact that number is smaller for me than for some. I first met Lynn a couple of years ago and while that meeting wasn't any special occasion, I had no idea how that meeting would shape who I was as an auxiliary member and as a woman.

I do remember thinking how strong she must be to be there for Neal like she was. She would accompany him and eventually drive him all over the state for Legion meetings. Towards the end, this took a lot of coordinating on her part; making sure the room had the right equipment for his oxygen, always knowing when his oxygen was low, lugging his wheelchair and helping him change his tanks.....

She allowed all of us women to dote on her husband, receiving kisses on the cheeks and "Hi baby" greetings. She sat at the table with him, dignified, smiling and always ready for a conversation. She was quiet yet when she spoke, silence would fall to the others at the table so she could be heard.

Lynn is creative, making jewelry and other crafty things that us, much less talented, only Pin on their Pinterest boards. She always had ideas on what to give to my creative daughter since the Good Lord didn't see fit to give her a creative mother.

See. It's Lynn who helped keep Neal in our lives just a bit longer. It's her sacrifice that allowed him to continue in the positions that he held with the Legion. It's Lynn who sat in his hospital room that said, with tears rolling down her face, sitting vigil for this great man. Because that's what Lynn did. She stood by him; she loved him and through all of the pain of his passing, still made time to honor those who loved him.

Please don't mistake this article as downplaying anything that Neal accomplished. The intent of this article is to thank a very special woman. For without her, there would be a lot less love in this world. She is the epitome of grace under pressure and I am proud to call her a friend.



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

Origin of NAVY Terminology Rusty Bower



Wallop

When the French burned the town of Brighton, England, in the 1500's King Henry VIII sent Admiral Wallop to retaliate and teach the French a lesson. He so thoroughly wrecked the French coasts, that ever since, a devastating blow is said to be an "awful wallop."

Rusty Bower
Retired Navy Senior Chief

Junior Vice Commander Eric Testorff

The following is an excerpt of the speech I delivered for District 11 students during the Saluting America assemblies for Veterans Week. So many of our school children do not know our history or what veterans have done for our country.

–Jr. Vice Cmdr. Eric Testorff

This year, we remember the 70th anniversary of D-Day. It was 70 years ago, in 1944, that a particular group of Americans met their country's call and participated in one of the greatest operations of any military in the history of warfare. This was known as the Normandy Landings, or D-Day.

The German army, under Adolph Hitler and the Nazis, dominated and controlled almost All of Europe. Their tanks and armies had rolled through and taken everything to the east and west-- from Eastern Europe and parts of Russia, all the way across to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, including a part of France called Normandy. With their allies; the Italians, the Japanese, and others, this Axis of power controlled and enslaved much of the world and was working to take more.

70 years ago, things for the Americans and the British, and the rest of our allies looked pretty bleak. Our side was holed up on the island of Britain-- holding off a German invasion, and putting together a force of our own. The allies knew that they needed to do more than just stop Hitler at the shoreline. His plans for the people of Europe and the rest of the world were unacceptable. We had to push back the Axis armies-- all the way back, and defeat them.

For this, we needed to land on the beaches of Normandy, climb the cliffs, and gain a foothold. And from this foothold, from this home base on the shores of France, we could then gather our strength, and push back against the Nazis. Eventually the tide would turn. So, on June 6th, our forces crossed the English Channel, and thus came the beginning of the end of that biggest of all wars.

At some of the beaches, the landings went smoothly, and our armies began to move inland as planned. But on others it was not so easy, and on one-- Omaha Beach-- the American soldier met fierce and terrible resistance from the enemy. Our men died in the thousands on that day, and on that beach. Many died before they could even exit the landing boats. Many drowned in the water, and many more were pinned down on the sand, unable to move because of withering enemy fire. Omaha Beach became a killing ground for our soldiers, and they needed to get off the sand, up the cliffs, stop the German guns, and begin the liberation of Europe.

One of the biggest challenges was Pointe du Hoc: a point of land, jutting out over the beaches, with large German guns mounted on top. These guns could do a lot of damage to our troops, and they had to be taken out. There was just one problem: Pointe du Hoc had sheer vertical cliffs, 100 feet high. Lt. Col. James L. Rudder's Army Rangers, 2nd Battalion, were assigned the task of climbing those cliffs, stopping the big guns, and then holding out on top, until relieved.

Col. Rudder's men knew that the beach below the cliffs was being protected by enemy machine gun fire. Their landing boats could not get in too close, and in addition, the shoreline was full of large bomb craters that were deep, and full of water. The men, who were loaded with equipment, would jump off the boats, and sink under water. Many had to resort to life vests, but either way, they were completely soaked, as was their equipment. The ropes to their grappling hooks were wet, and very heavy to throw. The sides of the cliffs were wet clay: mud that was slick-- almost like grease. All the while, they were being raked by machine gun fire from above. Their brothers were being hit and killed all around them, and yet the Rangers set their hooks, and started to climb.

The German soldiers at the top would fire their guns straight down on the Rangers, who were fairly helpless as they climbed up the slick and muddy ropes. Sometimes the enemy would throw hand grenades down, or cut the ropes. When one soldier fell, another would take his place and start to climb. Each man knew that at any moment, his life could come to a sudden end. But the Rangers also knew the damage the big guns could do to their brothers in arms. And so they climbed.

And they reached the top.

They fought off the remaining enemy, destroyed the big guns, and hunkered down for the attacks they knew would come. Two days later, Rudder's Rangers had suffered 70% casualties. They fought off 5 German counterattacks, losing more men each time. But in the end, the big guns had been silenced, and the Boys of Pointe du Hoc were still there when the relief column arrived.



Young Guns Junior Shooting Sports held Awards Night for the fall semester at American Legion Centennial Post 209 on 5 November, 2014. Post Commander Greg Smith opened the festivities with thanks to the group for all their hard work. Students received their Certificates of Completion among other awards, and Young Guns recognized some honored guests.

Roger Withrow is a coach with USA Shooting at the Olympic Center in Colorado Springs. Roger is the 1984 Paralympic Gold Medal Winner in rifle competition.

Michael Wescott is the treasurer for Friends of NRA and was accompanied by his fiancé Kris. Michael was presented with a Thank You certificate from Post 209 Young Guns, and received a Platinum Patriot Award donor plate on the recognition plaque which is displayed at Post 209. Other donors awarded were Bronze Award to Clyde Womer, and Platinum Award to Sportsmans Warehouse.

Graduates all received Certificate of Completion and Eagle Eye Awards for hitting the bullseye at least once during the course. Top Shot awards went to Justin 1st, Caleb 2nd, Nick 3rd. Five Pro Marksman awards were given, three Marksman and one Marksman 1st Class. It was a great night of fun and pizza. Many thanks to the Post 209 crew of NRA Instructors, parents and guests, and congratulations to our Young Guns Junior Shooting Sports graduates!

We are always recruiting for our next class which will begin in February or March 2015. The class will be held on Wednesday evenings from 1830 to 2030 and will be limited to 12 students. The class is open to boys and girls ages 10 through 18. All participants and a parent, guardian or other responsible person will be required to attend all classes. Please contact Ken Taylor at 719-761-4047 or email adjutantsal209@gmail.com for more information or to register for the class.





**\$8 New to the
American Legion Post 209!!!!
Pasta Dinner**

American Legion Riders' Pasta dinner at
6:00 pm, the second Friday of the each
month. **\$8**



Senior Vice Commander Lino Calica

2015 Membership

Currently, Centennial Post 209 has 727 members; this total includes members who have renewed and new members. The Department goal for Post 209 is 965. Currently, we have met 75% of the Departments goal. If you know of any Veterans or family members of Veterans, inform them about becoming a member of The American Legion. We ask your assistance in recruiting new members and having current members renew their 2015 annual membership.

Get involved and continue to be part of the solution. Help be the voices of our Veterans, who have served our country, so we can continue to have freedom. The more members that gets involved, it gives us the opportunity to assist and help more Veterans and their families.

As you recruit, briefly advise the Veterans on the different programs within the American Legion. American Legion Auxiliary for wives, daughters, grand and great-grand daughters, the Sons of American Legion for Veterans sons, grandsons and great grandsons. If they have an interest in motorcycles, let them know about the



Centennial Squadron 209 SAL Commander Rick Kettering



With us just completing the first 3rd of the campaign year for the Child Welfare fund, we have reached a total of \$784.13 as of the end of September. Our goal is \$1200 by the 31st of May 2015. With great thanks I want to recognize where some recent sizeable donations came from. Candy Freeman and John Foskey went out on their own and collected \$230.26 for the CWF. They were both given Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts for the CWF. The Legion Riders collected \$40.00 at their September meeting, and \$42.25 was collected at the home show on 27-28 September.



So far we have 3 squadron members who have completed the test and are now eligible to receive the first star for Patriotism. Anyone interested or has questions about the Five Star or the Ten Ideals programs please contact me by e-mail @ commandersal209@gmail.com or through the post.

Remember that we have moved our monthly meetings generally on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1800.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

October 2014

During the month of December I mailed out some sympathy cards. I also made home visits to some of our members and made telephone calls. I need all of your help, please keep me informed about anyone who has passed away or if their service is pending. If there is anyone who you know needs to have consultation, please let me know. I will need their name phone number and what is wrong with them. It would be nice if you contact them before hand and tell them that I plan to call them. From the Chaplain part there really is not much to report.

I would like to wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, from my family to your family. May GOD bless you all and may HE make sure that all of you are given HIS grace and blessings. May HE give you all a very happy, healthy and great New Year's. I pray for all of you and your family and I will keep praying for all of you in the coming New Year.

My last three words are: GO TO CHURCH!

Shalom, Pastor Stan



American Legion Post 209

Judge Advocate

Chuck Zeitvogel

Christmas

It's the Christmas Season and a time to remember what it is all about. Children have expectations of toys and other goodies. We as adults have our reflections and expectations and for the most part want our children and families to be happy and free of the worldly concerns that the news media broadcast on a daily basis. 2015 will soon be here and there are many positive possibilities to look forward to. The sun will rise and the sun will set and as Shakespeare once wrote, "All the worlds a stage ... etc, etc, etc." I remind myself and for you who read this to be a positive part of what's to come.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! That's right we need your help. For the past 4 years Post 209 has had 100% plus of its membership turned in before 15 December. We need to do this again this year. The National organization has an award that is given to each Post who turns in 100% of its membership by 15 December for 5 years in a row. We are so close again this year, that we can almost taste it.

The Post has provided support to Veterans and their families. In October, for instance, the American Legion Riders Post 209 got together and helped a newly separated Veteran and his wife gave birth to twins 18 weeks early and they needed help. Cribs, mattresses, diapers and other items were provided.

We helped 17 Veterans and their families who were homeless. We put them up in hotels, provided meals and helped them get home vouchers so they could get into a home and off the streets.

We are in the process of putting together Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and are doing Toys for Tots at the Post.

The only way that we could have done this is through your membership.

I don't know how many times that I have heard the question, "Why should I renew or join The American Legion?" The only way we can do what we do is because you care and we care about Veterans.

Please, if you haven't renewed your membership, take a moment and write a check or get a money order for \$35.00 made out to American Legion Post 209 and send it to:

American Legion Post 209
PO Box 25334
Colorado Springs, Co 80936

LARRY JOHNSON
Past Post Commander

Newsletter Folding

Every month, 6 to 8 Legion Family members get together for a couple of hours for the purpose of folding and tabbing the newsletter in preparation for mailing. As stated, it usually takes just a couple of hours once a month. We are constantly looking for members of The American Legion Family to come and help fold and tab the newsletter in order to mail it to you. Do you have a couple of hours a month that you could donate to folding the newsletter? Maybe folding and tabbing the newsletter does not appeal to you, but, maybe you would consider working on one of the other committees and activities that we must fill and keep going. If so, how about coming down to a meeting and letting us know. With over 1,000 American Legion Family members and growing we need to start getting more of you involved with the operation of the Post and American Legion programs.



FROM THE ADJUTANT: Marvin Weaver, Jr.

I would first like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope that you have a safe holiday season and enjoy this time of the year with family and friends. The Post will be having the Annual Christmas Party on December 13th at 4:00pm this year and I hope to see you then. Please RSVP by 11 Dec. so we can get a headcount of kids coming. We need your help. We need to get 965 members this year and this can be accomplished two ways. The first is renew now for 2015 if you have not done so! The second is to recruit new members. Department has a contest to help. For every new member you recruit, your name is entered into a drawing for \$1,500. Also, the member that you recruited is also entered. If you recruit 10 new members you would have 10 entries. The drawing will be held at the Department Convention in June.



Centennial Squadron 209
SAL Commander
Rick Kettering

Veterans Day Parade
November 8, 2014

Through the ages dogs have been used for many things; companions, space travelers, rescuers, friends, and family. They are trained to be Therapy, Guide, Service, Rescue, and many other beneficial and useful ways to assist us in life. The connection has become legendary between Man and dogs.

In hospitals and other medical facilities, friendly, loveable, cuddly, and affectionate canines are used as “Therapy dogs.” They help patients relax and calm fears and anxieties with boundless love and kisses.

With that mission in mind the Josh and Friends Project is coming into national attention with the ability to help and impact the lives of even more children by introducing the children’s book “I’ll Be O.K.” and the cute and cuddly stuffed animal named “Josh.” With Josh and the book children are learning to overcome their fears and anxieties of being in the hospital and feeling alone.

Dr. Randy Lange, a veterinarian from Knoxville, TN had his daughter in the hospital for a tonsillectomy and was frustrated at the lack of materials available to explain surgery at a child’s level. So with his concern for his daughter and other children he was guided to write “I’ll Be O.K.” which was a story about Josh’s surgery and his adventure in getting well.

Josh and Dr. Lange took their first trip to visit the children of Oklahoma City, OK. in the spring of 1999 to visit and encourage the children who were victims of a devastating tornado. They still continue to visit hospitals and events to this day.

We are starting to purchase the sets to give to kids in our area. If you know of any child that this would help, please forward info to commandersal209@gmail.com or contact the Post @ 719-599-8624. To learn more go to



December 6-7, 2014



*Sugar Plum, we have Jennifer Bertrand
from HGTV Design Stars
3960 Palmer Park at Academy*

Colorado Springs Sugar Plum Food & Gift Mart

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**American Legion Centennial Post 209 Color Guard will present
the Colors on December 6th, 2104.**



**Motorcycle Minute
Andrew Gilbert**



Okay everyone. I must be a little confused.

We had an ALR end of season picnic. This meant that we are done with motorcycles. We have to change the oil and wash and wax the bikes and put the iron horses back in the stall. Then we are supposed to hibernate until spring. Right? Wrong!

We did not even finish the picnic when a road trip was called. A Veteran family moved into town because his wife had a set of twin boys 15 weeks early. As many of you know, this is a very complicated time when survival is not guaranteed. Obviously the stress of a situation like this could send people into a downward spiral. Being from out of state and staying in the Ronald McDonald House was good but for a limited time only.

As they had to start a whole new life here, they had nothing to get started with. It was great that this family could be touched by the Auxiliary and the American Legion Riders from Post 38 and 209. It was an incredible sight when all these motorcycles arrived with the support vans that had all of the cribs, clothes, diapers and many other things.

I am so glad that I was not chosen to decide what essentials this family would need. I probably would have said bed, food, and a beer (medicinal you know). Our Auxiliary and ladies of the ALR really gave a lot of thought to this couples needs. Everything was provided that would allow this family to get started and hold them over until they could get a job. A hand up is a great thing.

This family was blown away by not just the gifts but also by the love of a bunch of bikers. (Primarily Lady bikers) and the Auxiliary. The generosity of our people with their time, talents and treasures allows others to prevent the fall into despair. Having worked in the trenches, I have seen how a little support and encouragement could keep people from losing hope and becoming homeless. During this season of Thanksgiving, let us reflect on what we have and how we can help others.

With that being said and the weather getting cold, I guess we should put away our iron horses. Wrong!! It may be cold but I think I will ride today just to remind myself that we don't hibernate. Thank you all for all that you do.

Just for the record, There is no end of season. We give year round.

Andrew Gilbert, President
ALR Post 209



Bringing a Little South to the West **Immediate Past Post Commander Jay Bowen**

Christmas has always been my favorite holiday for many reasons. We celebrate the birth of our Savior, it is a time for family to gather together, I gain at least 5 pounds and can get away with it, and because it is the middle of Winter, the air feels clean, fresh and brisk. Oh yeah, there's also the presents. In my house Christmas was not a day; it was a season.

As a kid growing up in the South, it was common to witness the mad rush about a week before Christmas to get a tree. Back in the day no one put up an artificial tree. Folks either braved the woods to cut their own, or they would run out to one of temporary lots and pick a fresh-cut tree. We did both in my family, depending on the weather and Dad's ability to get away early enough to find one in the woods. We'd put the tree in the stand, add a little water and an aspirin (I used to think this was pretty stupid; trees don't get headaches) to the base, and start decorating. Dad's job was to put lights on the tree. At least place them on the tree. Most of the time he would take the strand and toss them. Literally. If they didn't fall to the floor, he was satisfied and then would go outside to work on a project. He always had projects. I can't recall a single time that he wasn't in the middle of creating, building, repairing, or designing something. After he would leave the house, Mom would arrange the lights along the tree evenly. There are 4 kids in my family and all of us would help "trim the tree." For several years my job was to string the popcorn, making a garland out of freshly popped corn. Not only was it a pretty easy job, but I also took advantage of all the leftover popcorn and snacked while threading the garland. Our ornaments consisted of big red and green glass balls as well as paper ornaments we made in school. Mom always saved those and decorated the tree with our hand-made crafts (Jackie still does this with ornaments our two boys made in grade school about 30 years ago). Once all the ornaments were neatly placed and the garland draped around the tree, Mom would apply the final touch; very fine fiberglass tufts to give it a snowy appearance. I don't think you can even buy that anymore. It has now been replaced by aluminum tinsel. I used to think it was pretty funny that Dad would come back into the house after the tree was decorated and would comment on how good the lights looked. I truly think he believed that was how he put them on the tree.

I remember vividly the year Dad bought the "aluminum tree." Wow! A thing of sheer beauty. And if that wasn't enough, he also bought a lamp with a 12" rotating wheel of green, red, blue, and yellow glass cut into wedges slowly turning in front of the bulb. The lamp sat in the floor, angled up toward the tree slowly spraying the tree with vivid colors that changed the silver to the colors of the wheel. I guess I'll never know if Dad bought the tree and lamp because he thought it looked good, or to get away from the task of putting lights on the tree. Regardless, for us kids it meant our tree went up much earlier than a week before Christmas. The aluminum tree didn't lose its needles so it went up right after Thanksgiving and stayed up until around New Years.

On Christmas Eve, the family would gather. Grandparents from both sides of the family drove over from Arkansas, our Aunt, Uncle, and Cousin came in from just across the "river" in West Memphis, and we'd feast on turkey, ham, and all the fixins'. When the meal was over and kitchen cleaned, Dad would declare it time to exchange gifts. The kids' job was to hand out presents to the adults, which increased our anticipation to tear into our gifts. And every year, there was always one special gift to someone that would be given last so everyone could watch. I've continued that tradition by trying to get something very special for either the kids or Jackie and making that gift the last one opened.

While the grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles are no longer with us, the tradition lives. Now it is siblings, kids and grandkids. It is still a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus, large family gatherings, feasting, and gift giving (along with the annual surprises). We traded the aluminum tree for a green artificial, pre-lit, and rotating one. But the hand-made ornaments are still placed prominently on the tree, along with ornaments collected from around the world. We traded the popcorn garland for plastic, and the fiberglass snow for tinsel.

Traditions are great, and even though they evolved over time, the spirit of the tradition lives on in our family. Merry Christmas everyone from the Bowen family! May God continue to bless you!



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Centennial 209 Family Calendar of Events



2 Jan 2015	Hamdogger CANCELLED
8 Jan	Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm
9 Jan	ALR Pasta Dinner CANCELLED
10 Jan	Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary Meetings 10:00 am
16 Jan	Steak Night! 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED
23 Jan	Fish Fry 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED
27 Jan	ALR General Membership Meeting (5:30 social hour) SAL Membership Meeting (5:30)
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~ December 2014 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Executive Committee Meeting 1830 hrs. 	5 Gun Show !!! Volunteers needed	6 Gun Show!!!! Volunteers Needed
7 Pearl Harbor Day Remember those that have fallen PGR Toy Drop off Post Gun Show!! Help needed	8	9	10	11	12 Pasta Dinner ALR 1800 hrs. RSVP Req'd "Baked Ziti" 	13 Post Christmas Party 4:00pm RSVP by 11 Dec SPECIAL GUEST! 
14	15 75% Membership Goal	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 ALR Monthly Meeting 1830 hrs. Social 1730 SAL Squadron 209 1800  	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! 	26	27
28	29	30	31	Notes:		