

Ben Cordova Honor Flight

On May 31, Ben Cordova and three of his friends including his good friend Ted participated in the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight. “It is an experience I will never forget,” said Ben, “We were treated like kings.” Everywhere they went people cheered and gave them hugs. They toured all of the memorials in Washington D.C. including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Ben entered the Navy in August 1968 at age 19. He served on the USS King DLG10, a guided missile destroyer. The USS King was in support of the USS Kittyhawk carrier group. Ben had multiple assignments including working with the 5 inch gun magazines. He remembers the aft engine room fire that took the life of four of his shipmates. He found their names on the wall.

Ben and Ted signed up for the Navy on the same day and were discharged on the same day. To this day they stay in touch regularly.

For information about the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight, contact:

Robert Wyatt at 303-915-5779



**Did You Know:** If you have received a new disability rating in the last two years, you may be eligible for Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (SDVI). Zero percent ratings are considered new ratings and are eligible. However, increases to existing ratings are not. Premiums may be waived in case of total disability. Contact the VA for more information.

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**Check out the new vanities in the bathrooms!**



Post Picnic Pics



**Check out the new addition to the MIA/POW table**

This Month in Military History...

- September 1, 1939** - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.
- September 2, 1864** - During the American Civil War, Atlanta was captured by Sherman's Army.
- September 3, 1783** - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.
- September 3, 1939** - Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland.
- September 4, 1886** - The last major U.S.-Indian war came to an end as Geronimo was captured.
- September 7, 1940** - The German Luftwaffe began its Blitz bombing campaign against London during World War II.
- September 8, 1941** - The German Army began its blockade of Leningrad, lasting until January 1944, resulting in the deaths of almost one million Russian civilians.
- September 9, 1776** - The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.
- September 11, 2001** - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.
- September 13, 1814** - The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key, inspiring him to write the verses which later became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.
- September 15, 1916** - Tanks were first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme, in World War I.
- September 15, 1940** - The height of the Battle of Britain occurred as massive German air raids took place against London, Southampton, Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool and Manchester.
- September 17, 1787** - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.
- September 17, 1862** - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred at Antietam, MD between the forces of General Robert E. Lee and General George B. McClellan during the Civil War. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded, or missing.
- September 18, 1947** - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.



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## Commander's Corner

Comrades! Fall is just around the corner. This fall we are planning a number of dinners and events like the Chili Cook-Off. The Chili Cook-Off is a competitive event to show off your red, green, or bean chili recipes, and the Post membership is the judge! Everyone benefits! The best overall chili gets their name on the plaque in the canteen and bragging rights. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the canteen, and we may even start a salsa contest if there are enough interested people. This month your Home Board had the vanities replaced in the canteen bathrooms, and repaired the wall in the hall bathroom. I hope you like these updates! This month I would like to make special shout-outs to the many volunteers that made this year's Post Picnic such a fun event! Please remember that our Post survives on volunteerism, so if you would like to sign up to run an event or cook, please let one of the Post Officers or Canteen Manager Jerry know about it. Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping us make Post 5061 great!

*With Respect,  
Jim Kruse, Commander*

## CANTEEN NEWS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
\$1.00 Shuffle Board  Everyday Free Pool and Darts.	Burger Night \$5.00 Every Monday 5-7 PM		2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month Post and Auxiliary Meeting. 7:00 PM	\$1.00 Shuffle Board  Everyday Free Pool and Darts.	Every Friday in September Karaoke with Toby 6 PM – 10PM  3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Auxiliary Dinner 5-7 PM	2nd Saturday of every month Come by for The Blitz Tournament Starts at 6PM

### Post Officers

**Post Commander:** Jim Kruse  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Steve Coca  
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**Quartermaster:** Tom Yepsen  
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**Canteen Manager:** Jerry Jones  
**Bingo Manager:** Tom Yepsen  
**Hall Manager:** Joe Tafoya

### Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Michael Casagrande  
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**Treasurer:** Juliana Mancuso  
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**Chaplain:** Roxi Nielsen  
**Conductress:** Christine Dominguez  
**Trustees:** Christine Dominguez, Roxi Nielsen, Tim Gilmore  
**Guard:** Joe Tafoya

The picnic provided something for everyone whether you were a child or an adult. The entire group of people who attended interacted in jovial manner not to mention the volunteers.

I would like to thank the people responsible for making the picnic happen; Jim Kruse, Kathy Kurtenbach, Jerry Jones, Tim Gilmore, Roxi and Jim Nielsen, Steve and Barbara Perea, Charlie Dominguez, Boston, Bob Armstrong, Tom Yepsen, Lee Bonney, Tammy Greene, Pat Valdez, TJ Blevins, Lori Lucero-Ferman, Bernadette Sannino, Brenda Vigil, Joe Tafoya, and everyone who donated items for the auction items and prizes. Special thanks to Juliana Mancuso for her hard work on the auction and drawings.

It can't get any better for Post functions and all because of our volunteers.  
THANK YOU!

*Yours Truly,  
Michael Casagrande, President*

**Post Members:** Did you pay your dues? Check your membership card for your anniversary date.

**Auxiliary Members:** Annual Auxiliary memberships expire on December 31, 2019. Pay your dues now!



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