



The American Legion Post 2000 Newsletter April 1 2021



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Post 2000 is off to a great start for 2021 with their first award for the year from Larimer County Veterans service office! The following article comes from the Larimer.org web site:

“While the primary mission of the Larimer County VSO office is to assist veterans and their families in accessing their VA benefits, our staff frequently is called upon to respond to more immediate needs of veterans in crisis. This holiday season our office saw many veterans and their families teetering on the edge of homelessness, at risk of utility shut offs, or battling to maintain a façade of stability and normalcy

for their children at Christmas. In these cases, our office owes its ability to lend a hand to the generosity, hard work, and selflessness of the volunteers and service organizations in our community. While many partners and organizations support veterans, we are privileged to honor and recognize two organizations that answered the call to help veterans in Larimer County during the 2020 holiday season: The American legion Post 2000, Loveland Colorado, and The Associated Veterans of Loveland. Their contributions were a lifeline to veterans in crisis during this very difficult time. The Board of County Commissioners honored both organizations for their generosity at the February 23, 2021 Administrative Matters meeting and we extend our deepest gratitude.”

Do you know your American Legion?

1. By being a member, you get FREE accidental life insurance. **True or False.**
2. By being a member, you can save up to 60% on hotels. **True or False**
3. You can be a member to more than one Legion Post worldwide. **True or False**
4. You can be a member of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary at the same time. **True or False**



It's that time of year, once a year and every year, the election of officers. Sure, the thought of running for position of office with your peers a person could feel uncertain, scared, or even overwhelmed. To others the thought of running for office may seem unimportant to them personally, or even boring and unsatisfying but do it just to fill the position.

At home, at school, as a child, or work and even in our military career we all have been in such a position. Yet we stood up, we learned from our mistakes, we grew

and became a better person from the experience. We survived. In the end, you know if you ever came to face that same unknown you would be better prepared and improve on what experience you have learned. Your fellow veterans need you; your community needs you; and the members of Post 2000 will support you.

Here are a few reasons why some candidates desire to run for positions of office within Post 2000.

Lynn Cheramie; As Jr. Vice Commander "I would like to run for office to give back as much as possible. To bring about a new era of younger veterans joining within the American Legion. To bring about positive change and bring a voice to newer members."

Robb Smith: "As Judge Advocate, this office needs a high level of knowledge in parliamentary procedure and constitution and bylaws management, I feel my attributes of my near 30 years of legion membership, to include Commander at Post, District, and Department levels will be beneficial to the post in this position."

Anthony S Kosh: "As Historian, I want to make sure that our legacy as a post is carried on through our past and added to new technology so anyone can see what our post has accomplished."

Joe Centeno: "As Chaplain, I feel it is important for our Post members to continue to embrace their journey of faith, and to tie those journeys to their participation in the American Legion. Helping others in their journey brings all closer to that grace. We are still one Nation under God."

Remember this is a volunteer position. There is no personal financial gain. However, the rewards can be greater than any amount of money. Additionally, you will have an entire Post membership supporting you throughout your journey.

The American Legion Basic Training Course

If you are a veteran, chances are you have gone through some sort of “Basic Training”. Did you know there is a Basic Training course for the American Legion? The course has been around for decades, previously called The American Legion Institute Course, then revised around 2013 with several updates now called The American Legion Basic Training Course. The original idea rather than have just have one course the basic training course is to have three phases: Basic, Mediate and Advance training course.

Currently, the Basic course is available online through The American Legion. Here is the link to the course:



There are very few earned pins in the American Legion, and this is one of them. This course is not just for Legion members. SAL members and Auxiliary members can take the course as well. The American Legion Basic training course will take you on a journey of the American Legion Family, traditions, and duties of the officers. It will guide you through history of the American Legion & its accomplishments. Introduce you to the many programs within the American Legion. The Course provides you with both video clips and lecture. Speeches in history. It is divided into 6 sections each with their own quiz at the end. This can be completed in 2-3 hours, or if you desire a few weeks, the best part is you can't fail because it provides you second chances to find the correct answer. It is strongly suggested and encouraged for any one person taking any position of office to take the course. This is also a steppingstone to greater things ahead as an officer in the American Legion.



**Welcome new members
to Post 2000, Loveland, CO.**

Robert Andersen -USA - Vietnam
Larry Erickson - USAF - Vietnam
Roger Nyffeler - USA - Vietnam
Wesley Van Pelt - USA - Vietnam
Chris Yurk - USN - Vietnam
Amanda Nelson - USAF -????

<https://www.legion.org/alei>. The Basic course is free, it is self-paced so you can log off and return days later right where you had left off. Once you complete the course, you will be provided the opportunity to print off a certificate of completion. Post 2000 sees the value in this and with proof of completion for the year 2021, the commander will present you with a graduation pin. There



Congratulation Post 2000 for making 100% in membership!

Its more than just gaining membership, it is about keeping Post 2000 alive and thriving. It is about camaraderie, having resource helping our community, helping veterans, and so much more.

Events coming soon:

April

Post meeting every 2nd Monday of the Month.

In person location: 6502 E Crossroads Blvd, Loveland

Virtual Zoom meeting link:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/TheAmericanLegionPost2000>

POC: Post 15 PH# 970 612-VETS (8387), E-mail ALPost2000@Gmail.com

MAY

May 8th The American Legion District 4 convention, 9am-2pm

Location: 850 N St Varin Ave, Estes Park, Circle 119: home of American Legion Post 119

POC: Jim Perlinger, flattracker38@gmail.com

June

June 24-26 The American Legion Department of Colorado convention,

Location: 701 W 9th St, Pueblo, CO

POC: Dept Staff 303 336-5201

July

July 10th All American Car show. 7am-2pm (registration opens at 8am)

Location: 950 N. Boyd Lake Ave, Loveland (Loveland sports park complex)

WWW Link to the event <http://www.allamericancarshow.com/>

POC: Tony DuMosch, tdumosch@yahoo.com

Plan now to Participate, Volunteer or do BOTH!!!

Message from Post 2000

Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood – the virtues that made America.

Answers to the questions “Know your American Legion” from above:

1. True
2. True
3. False
4. True

104 Years ago, this month



April 2nd, 1917

President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to send U.S. troops into battle against Germany. In his address to Congress that day, Wilson lamented it is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into war. (courtesy of History.com)



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The future of the Post is in the hands of the membership. Without it, there is no Post 2000. We all can contribute in some form or fashion. If you like to get out and about participate in at least one or two events a year. Please share with us any comments or suggestions you have regarding this newsletter. Additionally, if you have a story to tell, or have an interest you would like to read about here, let us know.

Thank you!

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