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## American Legion Post 11-11

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# July 2023 Newsletter

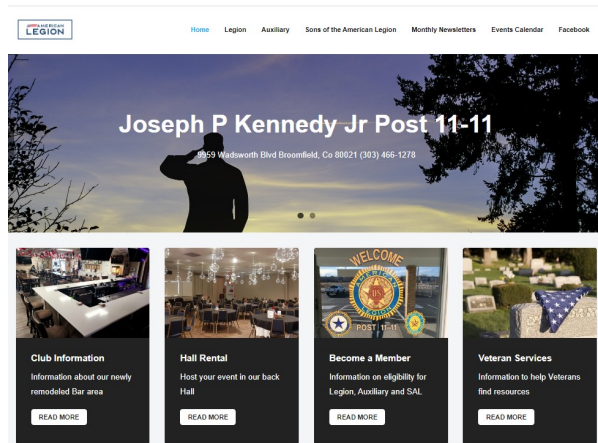


## New Post 11-11 Website!

<http://legionpost11-11.org>

Newsletter is now available online to view or download to print.

All weekly and monthly events and dinner menus are posted on the website!



## POST 11-11 HOURS

**MONDAY 3pm to 9pm**

**TUES WED THUR Noon to 9pm**

**FRI & SAT Noon to 10pm**

**SUNDAY\* Noon to 9pm**

**\*Open earlier if breakfast served/check website or calendar**



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Independence Day Post 11-11! It is a blessing of our Nation's 247 years of freedom. There's so much going on in the world—but these symbolic holidays give us an opportunity to reconnect... May God bless you, and the United States of America .

Next Legion meeting Tuesday September 12th, at 6pm.

**Joe O'Keefe, Commander**



## 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

**Opening at Noon—BBQ 1pm**

**Hamburger & brats provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

### **AUXILIARY UNIT 11-11**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation, evermore!" – Oliver Wendell Holmes. I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer.

We hope every Dad enjoyed Father's Day and the Auxiliary Breakfast. Auxiliary will be back serving Sunday breakfast once a month starting in September. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy your Sunday mornings with us.

As there is no summer business I look forward to our meeting on September 7th. To kick off the new session please plan to bake for the Auxiliary Bake Sale table at the Annual Crankers Car Show in September.

**Note the August newsletter folding will take place on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, please come help if possible.**

Check the calendar and please support the following activities:

Breakfasts, Dinners, SAL Bingo; American Legion Post Food Drive – on going; Volunteer Log: copies available at the Post; King Soopers Loyalty Program – on going.

Thank you to All Members of the Auxiliary,  
Jennifer Soffel, President

[soffeljl@gmail.com](mailto:soffeljl@gmail.com)

*In the Spirit of Service not Self, For Veterans,  
God and Country*

### **SAL SQUADRON 11-11**

SAL wishes everyone a wonderful 4th of July. SAL will be meeting July 13th at 6:00 pm. Signup sheets are ready and available behind the bar for our annual golf tournament August 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$100 per player. Sign your team up now. We also have hole sponsor sheets available \$100 per hole. Get your signs ready. Elvis tickets are ready to purchase. Get your tickets early \$45 for either Friday or Saturday night.

Friday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> ELVIS & BUDDY HOLLY  
Saturday, Aug26<sup>th</sup> ELVIS & JERRY LEE LEWIS

A Big Thanks to Auxiliary for making a wonderful Father's Day Breakfast.. THANK YOU for your support.

*Huey Geller, SAL Commander*

### **SAL CHAPLAIN**

Giving thanks on July 4th. On this our country's birthday, we turn to you O God, in gratitude and thanksgiving, for making us free and independent nation. We thank You for freeing us from an autocratic government, for making self-government possible, with Liberty and justice for all. Amen.

*Michael McInerney, SAL Chaplain*

### **JANET'S CORNER**

Boy what a crazy month of June! Is everyone tired of the rain? I know I am! Here's hoping July will be a little better.

**On Tuesday, July 4th, we are having a Potluck and the Legion will provide the hamburgers and brats, starting at 1:00 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Come in for some good food and help us celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Happy Birthday America!**

Bingo will be on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 22nd. Karaoke will be on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 28th. Please come in for Wednesday and Friday night dinners. Our volunteers work hard to serve some great dinners!

**We are having the 1<sup>st</sup> Walter Lee Memorial Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, July 23rd starting at 2:00 pm. The entry fee is \$20.00 per person. \$10.00 goes to the Soldiers Shipments and the other \$10.00 goes in the pot. If you can, bring a snack or appetizer. I hope we can have a lot of players and make some money to help with the Soldiers Shipments. I think it will be fun!**

Come in to have a cold and refreshing cocktail or soda and have a good time at the Post. As always, don't forget to tip our bartenders, cooks, and wait staff. They don't get paid and only get tips for all their hard work.

God Bless our Veterans and active Military. Have a good month!

*Janet Lee, Club Manager*

**Calling KNITTERS AND KNOTTERS**

**KOL (Knots of Love)**

<https://www.knotsoflove.org/events/veterans-cap-drive>

Veterans who are undergoing chemotherapy need our help. Please join our group for creating veterans caps., limb huggers, PICC line covers and crutch covers. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced knitter or knotter (crochet) or even a wannabe knitter, all are welcome. I am an experienced knitter and will be available to teach and demonstrate basics for knitting if you are interested. Though I am not much of a crocheter, I do know some basic stitches and can help there also. This group is open to women and men alike. We will probably be meeting on Saturday or Sunday from about 2-4. This is yet to be determined. I am open to suggestions about a better time.

**SUPPLIES:**

(Knitters) needles size 7, 8 or 9

(Crochet) hooks F, G, H or J

Tapestry needle

Stitch marker

I will have yarn available for practice. Other supplies needed will be discussed at the group meeting.

For more information on what this is all about, check out the website for Knots of Love at [knotsoflove.org](http://knotsoflove.org). Under the Events dropdown, you will see information under Veterans Cap Drive. Some free patterns are listed here as well. An extensive list of free patterns for both men and women in knit and crochet can be found under the dropdown for Free Patterns. If you are a confident knitter or crocheter, go ahead and print a pattern you would like to work on and bring it along to the group.

We will be following the guidelines for KOL (Knots of Love). Some include a list of approved

yarns only. The list is quite extensive and varied, but most yarns are quite inexpensive for your projects. Also, all garments will need to be fragrant free, pet free, smoke free and washed before shipping. **We will be going over all the particulars at the group meeting, but most information can be found on the website.**

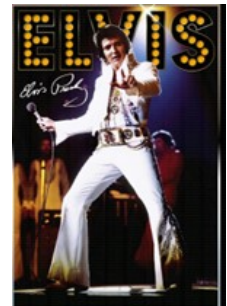
***IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, please contact Jan Murray at 303-880-7301 or email [msjan777@comcast.net](mailto:msjan777@comcast.net) with Knitters and Knotters in the subject line. This will be a great time to socialize and a great way to support our veterans!***

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**Get your tickets today!**

**ELVIS & BUDDY HOLLY**  
Friday Aug 25th \$45

**ELVIS & JERRY LEE LEWIS**  
Saturday, Aug 26th \$45



**SAL Annual Golf Tournament**

**Lake Arbor Golf Course**

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**\$100 pp**

**Hole Sponsor \$100**



**Independence Day (a.k.a “The Fourth of July”) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.**

### **FUN FACTS ABOUT THE 4TH OF JULY**

**Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.** There were four others on the drafting committee: Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Robert Livingston.

**John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.** Likely because he was the President of Congress at the time, he signed in a large hand and at the center of the document, according to the National Archives. His bold signature is where we get the phrase "put your John Hancock" when referring to signing your name.

**It didn't become a federal holiday until 1870.** It took nearly 100 years for it to be recognized as such, but when it finally happened it was up in the ranks with Christmas and a few other holidays.

**Americans spend over \$1 billion on fireworks every year.** According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, the numbers continue to go up every year. The biggest celebration is the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks show, which takes over 8,000 hours to prepare!

**The very first 4th of July fireworks show took place in Philadelphia in 1777.** Fireworks, canons and bells all went off to honor the 13 original states. Much like modern celebrations, they even had a dinner and parade for the Declaration of Independence's first anniversary.

**The Liberty Bell rings 13 times every Independence Day to honor the 13 original states.** Descendants of people who signed the Declaration of Independence tap the bell, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 2 p.m. eastern time every 4th of July.

**Independence Day should have been celebrated on July 2, 1776.** Although the document was dated July 4, congress actually voted for independence from Great Britain two days prior on July 2, 1776. It apparently wasn't signed by everyone until a month later on August 2, 1776.

**Americans eat around 150 million hot dogs each Independence Day.** According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, which they call 'peak hot dog season', Americans consume around 7 billion hot dogs. That means that 818 are being consumed every second. Producers estimate that during July, which is designated National Hot Dog Month, 10% of annual retail hot dog sales occur. That's a lot of hot dogs!



# Post 11-11 Officers

## 2023-2024

### Legion Officers

- Commander: Joe O’Keefe
- Senior Vice: Dan Grothendick
- Junior Vice: Jo Wolford
- Adjutant/Legion at Large: Ava Barden
- Chaplain: Chuck Blay
- SGT at Arms: Mike Vasquez
- Finance Office: Chuck Doyle
- Historian: Heather Lockhart

### Auxiliary Officers

- President: Jennifer Soffel
- Vice President: Etta Pacheco
- Treasurer; Rhue Ann Davidson
- Secretary: Johanna Williams
- SGT at Arms; Amie Yeager
- Chaplin: Karrie Allison
- Historian: Open

### Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Officers

- Commander: Huey Geller
- Senior Vice: Louie Allison
- Junior Vice: Bob Fox
- Adjutant/FO: Dave Bucher
- Historian: Jim Chaffee
- SGT at Arms: Bruce Deets
- Chaplin: Mike McInerney
- Liaison: Joe O’Keefe

## Prayer Requests

*Do you need prayer? Whether it’s health, finances, job or family we all have seasons that are challenging. If you find yourself needing prayer in these challenging times or in seasons of happy times, I would love to pray for you. My name is Shirley and I am a proud Auxiliary member of Post 11-11. My email is [sydsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:sydsclub@yahoo.com). Drop me a line and I will put you and yours on my prayer list. God Bless you.*

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## **VOLUNTEER**

### Help Wanted: Kitchen

*In need of kitchen volunteers for our Wednesday & Friday night dinners. Please consider volunteering to either cook or just help in the kitchen. Contact Robyn @ 303.378.4244 to schedule*

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### Help Wanted: Security Pay \$15/hr

*We need some members to help with security for events in the back hall. It's an easy job – you must make sure no one takes alcohol out the door.*

*Pays \$15.00 per hour– See Janet Lee*



## Use your King Soopers loyalty cards to earn funds for the Auxiliary!

Here's How it works:

Enroll your King Soopers Loyalty Cards online at the secure website [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com)

1. Log into your King Soopers account.\*
2. Under "My Account" select King Soopers Community Rewards
3. Search for "American Legion Post 11-11" & select.

*\*If you do not have a King Soopers*

*>Create an Account & follow the above steps*

Each time an enrolled member of our group shops at King Soopers using their King Soopers Loyalty Card, the Ladies Auxiliary will earn rewards.

Invite your friends to enroll!

In addition, once a household member enrolls their card, all linked King Soopers Loyalty Cards within that household will begin earning funds for our organization.

Thank you for your support!

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Post 11-11**



## FOOD DRIVE

**We are collecting non-perishable food or cash donations to be donated to local food banks.**

**Please deliver all donations to the post.**

**Any questions, contact:**

**Janet Lee**

**or Diane Smith @ 303.717.1786**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Thank you for your support!

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Post 11-11**



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 11-11

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 YOGA 6PM— BACK HALL  POKER 6PM	4 4TH OF JULY OPEN AT NOON BBQ 1 PM BRING SIDE OR DESSERT	5  DINNER: CALL FOR MENU	6  SAL MEETING 6PM	7  DINNER HAMBURGER STEAK	8  BINGO 6PM
9	10 YOGA 6PM— BACK HALL  POKER 6PM	11	12  DINNER WINGS	13	14 DINNER NEW YORK STRIPS OR SAUTEED SHRIMP  KARAOKE 7PM	15
16	17 YOGA 6PM— BACK HALL  POKER 6PM	18	19  DINNER LASGNA	20	21 DINNER CATFISH OR BABY BACK RIBS	22  BINGO 6PM
23 CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 2PM	24 YOGA 6PM— BACK HALL  POKER 6PM	25	26 DINNER: ITALIAN SAUSAGE SANDWICHES	27 NEWSLETTER FOLDING 5:30PM	28 DINNER RIBEYE OR FRIED SHRIMP  KARAOKE 7PM	29
30 BOY SCOUTS BREAKFAST 8AM	31 YOGA 6PM— BACK HALL  POKER 6PM					