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End of an era?



**What will be the fate of the RMC?
Come to the December Dinner to cast your
vote.**

Airborne Dinner and
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, December 14
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From the Chairman



RMC,

This is it. What you're seeing on the cover of this edition of *The Paratrooper* is not hyperbole or creative hook to solicit a response. We are literally at the crossroads that every RMC Chairman has feared – the end of our chapter.

How did we get here? There are a lot of answers, but it comes down to this; nearly every one of our active officers has moved to a different state this year and, although I still reside in Northern Colorado, this is my fourth year as Chairman and as any previous Chairman will tell you, three should be the max for anyone serving in the position. I don't have it in me to serve another year, let alone concurrently cover Secretary and Treasurer,

We're experiencing a detrimental lack of volunteerism. This situation isn't limited to the RMC. Veteran service organizations throughout the country are experiencing the same sort of situation. In our case, we are an organization of nearly 400 members with limited options.

Per our bylaws and National's we only need to have the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman filled to run our chapter. And a single person can occupy all of those positions as had happened back in the early 2000s when Tom Smith was the RMC officers and the Newsletter Editor and Quartermaster, but that is too much to ask of anyone.

At this point, there are only three options for the RMC: 1) At least three dedicated RMC members step into leadership positions. 2) The RMC ceases to exist, and our membership rolls into National's as unassigned members with no chapter affiliation, or the last option is an out of the box thought. 3) We combine the RMC with the 101st Association in Colorado Springs where RMC member and past Secretary, Dawn Lisbon is expected to take the reigns as the President of that chapter. This move will put us in a place where we can combine our officer corps. The 101st is experiencing the same lack of volunteerism that we are, but they haven't had the misfortune of having nearly all their officers leave in the same year.

Option three may be just us kicking a can down the road that delays the inevitable, but it is my recommendation to the membership if we don't have RMC members step up.

So, we will vote on the options and determine our next course of action at the December Membership Meeting/Dinner at the Arvada American Legion on Saturday the 14th. If we have members who are willing to step up into the necessary leadership positions to continue the Chapter as it is now, we will run elections.

Not only will we have a Christmas meal of roast beef, the RMC will pay for your meal. Yep, the meal is FREE! It's our encouragement for you to join us December 14 to help us determine the future of the Chapter .

Chris Mirowski
Chairman, RMC

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER DINNER and ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

December 14, 2024

3:00 – 5:00pm

American Legion Post 161 (Arvada)

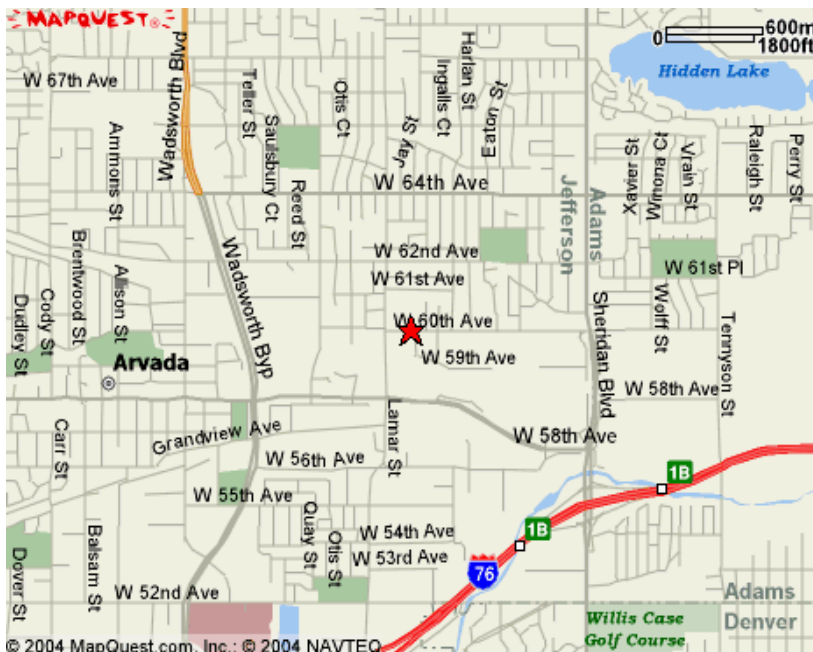
MENU: Roast beef with au jus, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner rolls, salad, desert, and coffee

PRICE: FREE!!!

The price is right and the company is good. Don't miss what may be the last opportunity to fellowship with your fellow paratroopers in Colorado!

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, December 10th** with **Chris Mirowski 970-481-5839**

If it's after December 10th, call Chris. He will work on getting you in.



Map to
American Legion Post 161 at
6230 West 60th Avenue
Directions

1. From I-25, merge onto I-76 heading west toward Grand Junction
2. Take exit #1B towards Sheridan Blvd/CO-95
3. Turn right on Sheridan Blvd.
4. Turn left on W. 60th Ave.
5. Continue to 6230 West 60th Ave



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The “**All Airborne**” Fraternity

Rocky Mountain Chapter 2024 Calendar of Events

December

14th Annual Business Meeting &
Airborne **(FREE)** Dinner
Arvada American Legion 161