



American Legion
Centennial Post 209
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Newsletter: April 1984

ITEM 1: My apologies for not having published a newsletter for February and March. However, in spite of no newsletter we had an excellent turnout at both meetings, particularly the March gathering where we had a very fruitful meeting greeting several new members, also, the initiation ceremony following the excellent banquet in January was well received by all attending. I hope that in the future more of our membership make plans to attend these infrequent but important social functions. They help build the spirit of camaraderie we need to maintain our cohesion.

ITEM 2: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 PM at Ken Reyhons Realty Offices on Austin Bluffs Parkway. We restrict our smoking during meetings in respect to our non-smoking members. Refreshments are available at a nominal cost. We want as many members to attend as can possibly make it as this meeting is our annual election of new officers. Come and make your voice (vote) heard. The post belongs to all of us and the more participation we have the better and stronger we will be.

ITEM 3: In keeping with our constitution and by-laws a nominating committee appointed in February and chaired by George Charlson presented a proposed slate of candidates for elected office during our 1984-85 Legion year. Nominated were:

Commander	Neal Thomas
Sr. Vice Commander	Joe Rodriguez
Jr. Vice Commander	Tom Gross
Adjutant	Wally Lonsinger
Finance Officer	Bub Eberhart
Chaplain	Bill Battin
Sgt.-at-Arms	Walter Thomas
Ex. Committeeman	Max Hoyer

Of course, all members are invited to offer nominations from the floor and any member wanting to serve in some specific capacity should make that desire known so he/she can be considered in lieu of or in addition to those names presented by the Nominating Committee. Remember, Tuesday, April 17th is meeting and voting night.

ITEM 4: Also in keeping with our custom, we will have the installation banquet Saturday, May 26. More details on this in our next newsletter; however, please make plans to attend.

ITEM 5: I want to thank all of you for the effort put out on our membership drive this year. I am very proud that we exceeded our goal of 54 members, we did ourselves proud. Let's reaffirm our resolve to support our new slate of officers in the same manner.

ITEM 6: David Thomas of our Ways and Means Committee has been hard at work on his mandate to arrange for our post to host fund raising Poker Nights at the LAEF facility on Spruce Street. We are now confirmed for hosting a Poker Nite on Tuesday, June 5, 1984 with further options for other Poker Fests on 3 July and 7 August. This undertaking is very important to us in the area of raising a considerable amount of money in a single game night. It is going to take a lot of help to make this work right. More on this at our meeting on the 17th.

ITEM 7: Other items covered at the last meeting that are worthy of your consideration---

- a. With the Department Convention coming up the post is open to presenting resolutions that you feel are important to the improvement of the Legion, its operation and its goals. Give this some thought. Only by our input can we obtain the objectives we want to see the Legion advocate or undertake.
- b. The post has endorsed the candidacy of Neal Thomas as Department Sergeant-at-Arms.

ITEM 8: As a final note I want to reemphasize an immediate, tangible benefit of belonging to Centennial Post 209 ---. Membership in Ent Federal Credit Union with eligibility to avail yourself of any and all its financial services. These include all forms of high interest savings accounts, share draft (checking accounts with interest), low interest (Com-

parably) loans, etc. Our post has been granted access to this federally insured institution--- and once a member, always a member. It only takes \$5.00 to join.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. The post deserves your support.

For God and Country



Max J. Hoyer
Commander
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