



A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

CENTENNIAL POST 209

JUNE THOMAS, COMMANDER

'A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS'

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

The first program was held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in June 1935. Today 50 states and the District of Columbia conduct Boys State and this year more than 30,000 will participate, continuing the of growth of government through education.

Colorado held its first Boys State in June, 1949, at Estes Park with 89 delegates and 15 counselors. A ten member commission was set up. Ray McRae of Pueblo is the surviving member of this original group.

This year, Boys State will be held during the week of June 14-18 in Pueblo at the University of Southern Colorado. We are seeking counselors for Boys State.

THE POPPY PROGRAM

The American Legion Poppy distribution program is a program with which the American Legion Auxiliary has long been associated. It was begun as peace returned to the nation after World War I and was founded as a means by which a grateful nation could show its appreciation and respect to those courageous soldiers who had sacrificed their time and often their lives in defense of freedom. It prevailed as a symbol of and a perpetual memorial to the lives lost during that first devastating war and the wars and conflicts which followed.

During "Poppy Day," generally celebrated the week before Memorial Day, Auxiliary volunteers distribute the now familiar red four-petaled crepe

paper poppy and invite all patriotic Americans to join in support of hospitalized and disabled veterans across the nation who handcraft the small memorial flower in Auxiliary-run poppy shops. These shops provide both psychological and physical therapy for the veterans, as well as allowing them to earn pocket money during their hospital stay at VA medical centers. All proceeds derived from Poppy Days are used to aid veterans and their families.

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 * **SUPPORT OUR OWN** *
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 * **JUNE THOMAS** *
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 * **FOR DEPARTMENT** *
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 * ***SENIOR VICE COMMANDER** *
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SERVICE OFFICER	HOWARD HORNIK
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POST EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
POTLUCK DINNER 8:00 P.M.
DUES \$20.00

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
VICE PRESIDENT	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
SECRETARY	DOROTHY DASSERO
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SGT AT ARMS	NANCY HART
PARLIAMENTARIAN	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
JR PAST PRESIDENT	MARGERY JOHNSON

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3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
POTLUCK DINNER 8:00 P.M.
DUES \$12.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6, 1917 to Dec 31, 1918
World War II
Dec 8, 1941 to Dec 31, 1948
Korean War
Jun 25, 1951 to Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 to Jul 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till the end of hostilities

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO

FROM THE COMMANDER

Hi Legionnaires:

We are growing leaps and bounds and I am excited about building our new Post Home. If we can ever get through the city ordinances, we will put our sign up on the property. We need some help, folks! Anyone who is able to donate time for legwork through the city offices to help expedite this process, please call Neal Thomas at 591-2272 in the evening.

Thanks to each and everyone who helped with the American Legion birthday party. It was a great success! Past Commander (Big John) Johnson took charge and did a great job. My hat is off to the Auxiliary who took their rightful place at the Post with all the beautiful decorations along with a delicious birthday cake. Thank you, Ladies, I couldn't do it without you...U DUN GOOOD! Thank you for your support... together, we are winners!

Help me welcome aboard our Head Bartender "Jocko." He and his staff are doing a great job. Also thanks to Don Miller for being there whenever we need him.

All committee chairmen are asked to turn in their reports to our Administrative Assist, Legionnaire Ann Foster, by April 15. Any plans you have for your programs in May and June can be included in your report. This is to allow us time to consolidate those reports and send them into Department Headquarters. You have done such a terrific job but without us sending the dollar amount of value and the number of volunteer hours given, we would not have the "clout" in Washington, D.C., we need.

Our Senior Vice Commander, Lou Mikulecky, has retired from office as well as club manager. I have appointed Bill Weeks to fill the remaining term of office.

Legionnaire Bob Morris, along with his committee, has taken over the management of the Club temporarily. Thanks, guys. We miss you, Lou, but wish you the very best. You did an excellent job and deserve a rest.

We are also losing our Junior Vice Commander, Quinn McNeil and his wife, Eleanor. Mac is leaving the military and moving to Arizona. Thank you all for your service to Centennial Post 209. Your hard work and dedication helped us grow.

Let us continue to be...Veterans helping Veterans ...for there is strength in unity and together we are winners!

JUNE THOMAS
COMMANDER

FROM THE SENIOR
VICE COMMANDER

We have surpassed

our membership goal of 305 Legionnaires for the 1991-1992 American Legion year. Our present membership, as of 19 March 1992, is 383 Legionnaires or 125% of our Centennial Post 209 goal. I would like to thank each and everyone of you who has worked so hard for new members as well as renewing your own membership. You all have made our Post work and grow but we still need to do more.

Now a few words about "A Little Post Going Places and Doing Big Things."

We have come a long way but are still going and doing and need the assistance of each and every member to reach our goal.

The new Post Home is going to require additional membership to support it. Therefore, one of the ways you can assist us now in that endeavor is to sign up additional eligible members and continue to do so in the future. To aid you in our membership campaign, herein you will find a copy of a membership application. Please cut it out and get as many new members as possible.

If you need more applications, stop by the Post and pick them up or give us a call and we will drop some into the mail.

At this critical time in our Post progress, it is essential that we have the support and assistance of everyone. I thank you in advance for that support and assistance which I know you always have and always will continue to provide. In these austere days, it more than ever takes Veterans helping Veterans. If we don't do it, no one will.

BILL WEEKS
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

FROM THE ADJUTANT

Once again, Centennial Post 209 has been asked to participate in the Arthritis Foundation Telethon which will be conducted on Sunday, April 12 at the KXRM Studios. We need about twelve to fourteen people to represent the Post. Please call the Post and leave your name with Ann Foster.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

One of the activities at the General Membership meeting on 16 April will be the election of officers. Some of these Legionnaires have been

recommended by the Nominating Committee and some have indicated their interest. For Commander, Harry Johnson; Sr Vice Commander, Floyd Bufkin and Bill Weeks; Jr Vice Commander, Al Cyriaque and George Carnes; Adjutant, Larry L. Johnson; Finance Officer, _____; Chaplain, Tom Haban; Sgt at Arms, Al Lender; Historian, Howard Hornik; Executive Committeeman, Neal Thomas. As you can see the position of finance officer is vacant.

If you would like to run for an office, please call the Post Home and leave your name.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Are you new to the American Legion? Have you ever been initiated? If your answer is NO, then it is time to make plans to attend the initiation of new members which will be conducted during the general membership meeting on 16 April. This is a

very impressive ceremony. If you plan to attend, please call the Post and leave your name so we may get certificates made for presentation.

GOING AWAY PARTY

On Saturday, 18 April at 7:00 P.M. the Post is hosting a going away party for Quinn (Mac) and Eleanor McNeil. Mac is retiring and they are moving to Arizona. In addition, we will also be saying goodbye to Louis and Betty Mikulecky who have done so much for the Post. Come on down, say goodbye and enjoy an evening of socializing.

DISTRICT SEVEN CONVENTION

On May 3 District Seven will conduct its annual convention. This year it is in Florence at Post 25.

Registration will begin at 12:00 P.M. and the Convention will get underway no later than 1:30. After the convention, a light meal will be served at no cost to attendees.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISITATION

The National Commander, Dominic D. DiFrancesco, will be visiting Colorado and

Colorado Springs during the week of May 17-20.

There will be a reception for the National Commander at Post 38 in Security on 19 May. The reception will begin at 7:00 P.M. Every Legionnaire, Auxiliary member and Sons of the Legion and spouses are invited to attend.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

On 23 May, the installation banquet will be held in our Post Home. Social Hour will begin at 6:00 with the meal being served at 7:00 P.M. Make advance reservations as soon as possible by calling the Post Home and indicating how many will be attending. Seating is available for about 100 people.

TFA FUNDRAISER

The American Legion voted to support the efforts of Bessie Franks in putting together a benefit for the Temporary Financial Assistance fund of the National Organization on 9 and 10 May. The event will take place in Acacia Park. We need volunteers to help with organizing and taking pledges. A full description will be in the May Newsletter.

**LARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT**

**FROM THE AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT**

On March 19, 1992, we were honored to have District President, Mae Dillon, and her officers visit us and initiate three new members.

Our April meeting will be an important one as we will elect new officers for 1992-1993. The slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee are:
Barbara Johnson, President,
Dot Dassero First Vice President,
Lois Egnor, Second Vice President,
Nancy Hart, Secretary,
Alice Hart, Corresponding Secretary,
Ireana Campbell, Treasurer,
Collette Price, Sergeant-at-arms,
Marcia Shellhammer, Chaplain,
Nedra Marketto, Historian.

April 1, 7:00 P.M. is Executive Committee meeting and on April 8, officers and committee chairmen will meet to fill out the year end reports. April 16, is our regular meeting with the Legion serving the main dish and the Auxiliary bringing

salads and desserts. On April 18 is the party for the McNeils and May 3rd is District 7 convention at Unit 25, Florence, Colo. Registration is at 12:00 noon with the meeting at 1:00.

May is cookie month at Ft Lyons. Please bring your cookies to the May 21 meeting packed to be sent. Mark the container on the outside as to the amount and kind. May 21 is regular meeting. Installation of officers will be held at the Post Home on May 23. More on this next month.

Hope to see you all at our April meeting.

**BARBARA JOHNSON
PRESIDENT**

RUMMAGE SALE

Centennial Post 209 will hold a Rummage Sale in front of the Post Home on 16-17 May. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Post Building Fund.

We are asking that members donate items for the sale. These items may be items of clothing, household or items donated by a corporation. We will take any item which can be carried by an individual (we cannot handle large or heavy items). Items can be

brought to the Post Home anytime before May 15.

Items remaining after the sale will be returned upon request; otherwise they will be given to the DAV. Remember: one person's junk (junkie) is another person's treasure.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in advertising, collecting, sorting and pricing items and helping at the tables on sale day. If you can volunteer for any of the above duties, please call one of the following:
Dave Thomas 685-4630,
Charles Crutcher 574-7661 or Glen Hart 473-5289.

POST CLUB ACTIVITIES

The word is we have the best food in town at the right prices! Why not support your club by stopping in and having lunch with your fellow Legion members?

We have also added Saturday to our Happy Hour schedule so you can now enjoy this special activity from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday!

Menus for the month of April will include smothered burritos with red or green chili, corned beef on

rye, reuben special and beef stew in addition to our regular fare. Our kitchen is open seven days a week until closing.

ORATORICAL CONTEST NEWS

The finals for the Department Oratorical Contest were held at Post 25 in Pueblo on Saturday, March 1. Three contestants, Emily Beck from Longmont, Jodi Brown from Grand Junction, and Ted Stutti from Florence spoke on "The Constitution" and the extemp-

oraneous part was on Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution. The winner was Ted Stutti from Post 25 in Florence. Ted received a scholarship of \$1500. The two runners-up each received a scholarship of \$500.

Ted now goes to Cheyenne to the Regional contest. The winner will receive a \$3000 scholarship (each participant receives a scholarship of \$1,000). winner will go to National and first place there will receive a scholarship for

\$18,000, 2nd place \$16,000, 3rd place \$14,000 and 4th place \$12,000. All high school students are eligible to enter this contest each year. For more information, call Al Cyriaque, Chairman

DRAWING DRAWING

Win a Mitsubishi HS-U34 Video Cassette Recorder. May 23, 1992. Donation \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. See the bartender or Harry Johnson for tickets. You need not be present to win.

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Phone) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Date) _____


(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) _____

(Dues) _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990
 Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984
 Dec. 22, 1961-May 7, 1975
 June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955
 Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946
 April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918

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 U.S. Navy
 U.S. Air Force
 U.S. Marines
 U.S. Coast Guard



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant _____ Name of recruiter _____

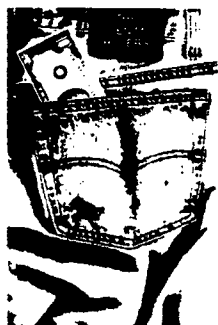
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From _____ \$ _____ for 19 _____ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



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CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1 7:00 AM EXEC MTG 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	Apr 2	Apr 3 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Apr 4
Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Apr 11
Apr 12 ARTHRITIS TELETHON CALL POST FOR MORE INFO	Apr 13 8:00 PM 40/8 FROMENADE POST 5	Apr 14	Apr 15 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	*Apr 16* 7:00 PM GEN MERS MEETING POTLUCK 6:00 PM	Apr 17 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Apr 18 9:00 AM WACS MEETING 7:00 PM GOING AWAY PARTY
Apr 19	Apr 20 7:00 PM 8 & 40 MEETING	Apr 21 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Apr 25
Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28 7:30 PM AMVETS MEETING	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	May 2
May 3 12:00 PM DISTRICT 7 CONVENTION FLORENCE CO	May 4	May 5 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	May 6 7:00 AM EXEC MTG 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	May 7	May 8 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	May 9 TFA SUPPORT ACACIA PARK

POST OPENS 11:00 AM

3/30/1992

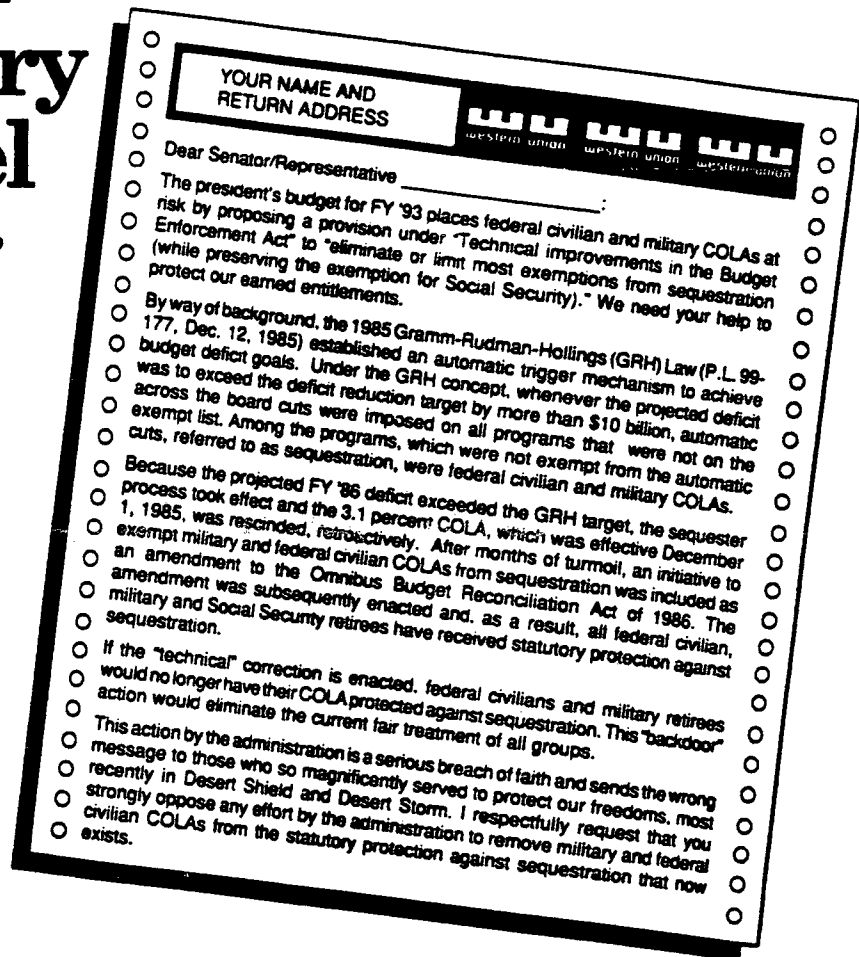
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