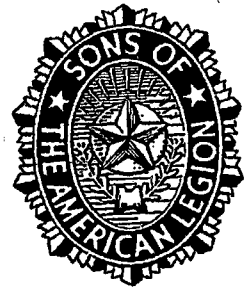


CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION



"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

APRIL 1993

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

The Colorado Chapter of Sons and Daughters In Touch is a unique organization which came about through Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It's primary goal is to locate and contact all of the sons and daughters of U. S. servicemen who sacrificed their lives in Vietnam. Being able to talk to other sons and daughters allows them to share and discuss questions, doubts and fears. One member reported that it also allowed them to openly express pride in the legacy of their fathers. In some cases they have been fortunate to locate someone who knew their fathers.

Even though there are 620 names of Colorado servicemen on the Wall, only 15 are currently members of the Colorado Chapter and it is asking that if you know any Sons and Daughters or know any of the servicemen listed on the Wall, that you contact and register with "In Touch." Many sons and daughters desperately want to talk to someone who knew their fathers and it is generally a positive experience whenever the organization has been able to put them "In Touch."

Information concerning contact with the organization has been placed in the lobby of the Post or contact Kenith R. Hilte, 845 S. Everett, Lakewood, CO 80226 (303-988-4686).

CLUB NEWS - Harry Johnson

April and May are going to be busy months for Post 209. Our Friday dinners are growing in popularity each time we hold one (the 2nd and 4th Friday nights each month). The next will be April 9th, spaghetti night - all-you-can-eat for \$2.25 per person. We serve from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. The 2nd Friday night family dinner will be the taco bar on April 23.

April 10th is the Easter Bonnet Parade. Design and make your bonnet and come to the parade. Yours may be the winning bonnet and you could win the prize.

We will have an instructional square dance for those who want to learn or refresh their skills on April 22 at 7:00 P.M. The caller will be Vic Fast. A charge of \$1.00 per person will be made.

The Tex/Mex dinner and square dance will be on May 15. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner served at 7:00. If you want to have a lot of fun, don't miss this event. Vic Fast will provide instruction. We are looking forward to a very good crowd at this event so come out and have a good time. The price for this dinner and dance will be \$5.00 per person.

Other upcoming events are our annual steak dinner in June and the annual picnic.

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FLOYD BUFKIN
SR VICE COMMANDER	AL CYRIAQUE
JR VICE COMMANDER	GEORGE CARNES
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	HARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
SGT-AT-ARMS	AL LENDER
CHAPLAIN	TOM HABAN
JUDGE ADVOCATE	LARRY JOHNSON
SERVICE OFFICER	TED RIDDLE
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$20.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LOIS EGNOR
SECRETARY	NANCY HART
CORR SECRETARY	ALICE HART
TREASURER	IREANA CAMPBELL
HISTORIAN	HILDA PIFER
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	COLLETTE PRICE

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.
POTLUCK DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

EDITORS

DOROTHY DASSERO
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ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

Due to the death of Regina Bufkin's 96 year old grandmother, there is no article by Commander Floyd Bufkin this month. Our sympathy to Regina and family in their loss.

I am happy to report that Department will likely be at 100% membership by the time this Newsletter goes out. Our own Post is now at 493 members and 121% of goal. I appreciate the fine efforts of our recruiters! This is important as the growth of The American Legion insures the accomplishment of its many programs for veterans and families, their communities and the nation.

The Arthritis Telethon will be 18 April at Channel 21 Fox TV, 560 Wooten Road. Department Commander Joe Ross has asked Neal Thomas to be The American Legion local chair for this event. The time of 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. has been set aside for the Legion family to man the telephones and an excellent time to call in your pledge. There is a signup sheet in the Post for volunteers. Please consider helping so Neal can be assured our hour will be covered. Research efforts could personally benefit you in the future and many members of The American Legion already experience the effects of arthritis.

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for the 1993-94 Legion year: Commander, Floyd Bufkin; Sr Vice Commander, George Carnes and Al Cyriaque Jr.; Jr Vice Commander, Harry Johnson; Adjutant, Ann Foster; Finance Officer, Larry Johnson; Sgt-at-Arms, Al Lender; Chaplain, Tom Haban; and Post Executive Committeeman, Neal Thomas. Election will take place at the 15 April General Meeting. Please attend as your vote is important to the future of our Post.

Initiation of new members and those not previously initiated will also be held at the April meeting. This is a meaningful ceremony and will enhance your membership. There is a signup sheet in the Post or call 591-1952 or 591-2272 to take advantage of the event. Please call before 13 April to give us time to prepare.

Our Post was visited by District 7 officers at the March meeting. District Commander Carl Miller called on several officers for reports and District Executive Committeeman Harry Andrews reported that The Colorado Legionnaire will be mailed only six times a year due to increased costs. The bulletin from Department will be sent twice monthly to officers and chairmen to maintain communication. DEC Harry announced he is running for reelection.

Jr Vice Commander Jack Tarpey reminded us of the District 7 Ball honoring Past Commanders and Past Presidents being held at Post 38 on 3 April. Cost is \$8.00 per person.

Service Officer Neal Thomas reported that Department Commander Joe Ross is ecstatic about our membership increase. Neal announced that he is running for National Executive Committeeman.

Adjutant Larry Johnson announced that District 7 is a winner! For the 7th straight year the District goal for membership has not only been met but has been exceeded. He reminded us that Department Convention will be 24-27 June at the Holiday Inn in Estes Park. The District Hospitality Room at convention will need volunteers for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The District Convention will be 2 May at Post 38. Election of officers will be at that time. Larry also announced that he is running for District Executive Committeeman.

Commander Miller reported that the Canon City and Florence Posts put in a sidewalk from the parking lot to the building at the Florence State Veterans Nursing Home.

The changes to our Constitution and By-Laws were voted upon and carried. Sets of the complete Constitution and By-Laws will be ready for distribution soon.

Installation of officers will be May 22.

Recruiting results: Wille Calloway and George Carnes each recruited one new member; Floyd Bufkin and Neal Thomas will now be receiving t-shirts for six new members apiece; June Thomas is leader at 25 and Ann Foster close behind with 24. Cut-off date for awards has been extended to 15 April. June has won her Silver Brigade Jacket and Ann is hopeful of achieving that goal. The time extension should help those who are close to winning their t-shirts.

Commander Bufkin reported that Gordon Donnelly has moved. He had asked for transportation assistance in the last Newsletter. His new address and telephone number are 4825 Astrozon Blvd #278D - 392-7076. Gordon is now a member of our Post.

Please remember that veterans helping veterans is a significant part of The American Legion's mission.

There will be a Pikes Peak Walk for Children (formerly Walk for Mankind) on Saturday, 17 April, in Palmer Park at 9:00 A.M. There is a particular request for volunteer assistance that day. Please call Cecilia or her husband, Tom, at 392-9726 if you can help. Participation could be reported as a community service activity and a Children and Youth activity for our annual reports. Please advise the Adjutant of your hours worked if you participate.

CLUB NEWS

Jocko announces that the Club will be closed on Easter Sunday. Breakfasts will be resumed on Sunday, April 18.

INSTALLATION

Installation of officers will be held at the Post on May 22. Cocktail hour at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Cost of dinner is \$7.50 and the menu will be Cornish hen or ham or filet mignon or something else (the planners are still deciding), along with potato, salad and cake. Whatever they decide, you know you'll be full of good food by the time of the installation ceremony. The May Newsletter will confirm the menu. Please make your reservation by May 14.

The officers who will be installed will serve your Post for the upcoming 1993-1994 year. Their year of activity follows the Department Convention in June. Make your reservation for dinner and attend the installation ceremony to honor these people who will take on the responsibilities of the Post and Auxiliary for the coming year.

STEAK FRY AND DANCE

When: 5 June 1993
Where: Post Home
Cost: \$7.50 per person

-- MENU --

Steak (cooked the way you like because YOU cook it) - Baked Potato - Salad - Baked Beans - Dessert
Dinner (you can begin to cook) 6:00
Reservations will be required or you'll have no steak.

Dance - 8:00 - 12.00 P.M.

TASK FORCE OMEGA

TASK FORCE OMEGA announces that the schedule for POW/MIA ceremonies at the War Memorial in Memorial Park are as follows: April 19, Benjamin D. Deherera; April 24 for Wallace W. Leeper; and April 29 for Mark G. Danielson.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies at 6:00 P.M. Any family member or friend of a POW/MIA may speak.

Other scheduled events are as follows: April 9 - 11 Awareness table set up at Penrose Stadium Equestrian Center; April 20, Task Force Omega Meeting at Centennial Post 209 7:00 P.M.; April 24, Colorado POW/MIA Coalition Meeting at VFW Post 1, 9th and Bannock, Denver, Colo at 9:00 A.M.; April 25, Tree Planting ceremony for all Colorado POWS/MIAS at Memorial Park at 10:00 A.M.

SALON 422 - 8 ET 40

The April meeting of Salon 422, 8 et 40 will be on April 19, 7:00 P.M. at Post 209. Election of officers for 1993-94 is scheduled. Betty Rigdon and Katherine Jones will be hostesses.

AUXILIARY NEWS

BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT

At our March meeting, we had the pleasure of initiating Nancy Gillette into the Auxiliary. Welcome, Nancy.

The nominating committee announced its selections for officers for 1993-94 as follows: President, Barbara Johnson; 1st Vice President, Dorothy Dassero; 2nd Vice President, Lois Egnor; Corresponding Secretary, Marcia Shellhammer; Treasurer, Patti Haban; Chaplain, Maria Sandoval. As you can see, we still need a Recording Secretary, Sgt-at-Arms and Historian. Nominations for all offices will be taken from the floor and election will be held at our April 15 meeting. My thanks to the nominating committee: Florence Spiewak, Hilda Pifer and Collette Price.

The Legion Birthday Dinner Party was held March 20 with good food and good fellowship. A big thank you to all who helped decorate for the Party, to Harry Johnson who set up all the tables and chairs and hung the bells, to Ireana Campbell, Dot Dassero and Vi Herath. I can always count on these people for help whenever needed. A special thank you to Alice Hart for seeing that we had a beautiful cake to present to the Legion.

We will be having a Birthday Party at the Florence Nursing Home on March 27. Florence Spiewak has been busy buying gifts and making arrangements for cake and ice cream. We will be taking 12 bibs and 6 lap robes made by our members for the veterans.

Our food drive for the homeless has done well. Thanks to all of you who contributed.

The District Ball will be April 3 at

Post 38 in Security. Tickets are \$8.00 per person.

The bake sale is April 4, 8:30 A.M. at the Post. Please have your goodies to Lois at the Post on Saturday.

April 7 - Executive Meeting -
Year-end reports

April 10 - Post Easter Parade - 7:00 P.M. Make your bonnets and join in the fun. Please bring snack food.

April 15 - We are to provide salads and desserts for the VA Satellite. Have your food there by 11:30 A.M.

April 15 - Regular Meeting -
Election of Officers, bring salads and desserts - 6:00 P.M. Dinner

May 2 - District Convention - 12:30 Registration, 1:00 P.M. Meeting

May 15 - Post Tex-Mex Dinner

May 20 - Regular Meeting?

May 22 - Installation of Officers

May 30 - Memorial Day

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - DOT DASSERO

Our membership now stands at 82, with our goal at 89. We still have 19 members not renewed. Some of you use the Club's facilities so you really should send in your renewal.

Florence Spiewak, Ireana Campbell, Vi Herath, Dot Dassero, Harry and Barbara Johnson and Howard and Ruth Hornik went to the Florence Nursing Home to put on a birthday party for the resident veterans with birthdays this month. Chocolate cake, angel food cake, ice cream, punch and coffee was on their celebration menu and gifts were given to the celebrants. Florence took a huge supply of comfort items plus juices and snacks. It's fun to help celebrate with these veterans and much appreciated as are the lap robes and bibs.

April 1993

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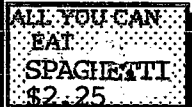


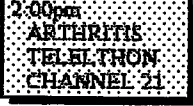

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4  Daylight Savings Palm Sunday 8:30am AUXILIARY BAKE SALE	5	6 Passover	7  7:00pm EXEC MTG	8	9  ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI \$2.25 Good Friday 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	10 7:00pm EASTER BONNET PARADE
11  Easter CLUB CLOSED	12 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	13	14 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	15  6:00pm GEN MTG AND DINNER 7:00pm POST INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS ELECTION OF OFFICERS	16 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	17 9:00am PIKES PEAK WALK FOR CHILDREN 9:30am WAC MEETING
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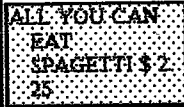
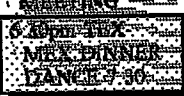



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