

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

APRIL 2001



The Oratorical contest was held at Colorado University Boulder on March 2 and 3. The 23 contestants were very competitive. OUR contestant was fourth overall and picked up \$400.00 for his efforts. He was very appreciative of OUR efforts to sponsor him. Congratulations, Mark Ehlers for your strong showing in the contest.

Boys State is the next Americanism program that WE will participate in. We will be able to send at least 10 delegates to Boys State in June. That is what is allocated in OUR budget. Due to OUR loss of income from bingo, due to paperwork errors last May, WE have spent more than WE brought in. Any extra delegates left over from what WE send will be taken up by Security Post 38. They have worked with US in sending extra delegates to Boys State.

OUR Post is now moving into position of getting OUR Bingo Certificate back and cranking up

OUR fundraising efforts again. WE should have OUR license back before the end of the month. WE begin Bingo Manager training on March 29. WE would like to have as many people that can help with Bingo please contact the Bingo Committee to obtain times and locations for these classes. Thank you!. WE are considering a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon to conduct OUR game. The Bingo Depot behind Tony Romas' establishment is the location WE are seriously considering using.

Next up on our agenda is the election of Post 209 officers for the 2001-2002 year. Please plan to attend our General Meeting on April 20 and cast your vote for the leaders of your Post for the upcoming year. Thank you for supporting the Board of Officers this year. We can only succeed when everyone gives input for the operation of the post's activities.

SERVICE OFFICER
TOM MORANT

Twenty members attended the Birthday Dinner held on March 10. I try to make as many of our dinners as possible. I used to

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FRANCIS REDINGTON
SR VICE COMMANDE	CHUCK ZEITVOGEL
JR VICE COMMANDER	NORM MOYER
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	AL CYRIAQUE
HISTORIAN	GREG ANDRIES
SGT-AT-ARMS	ROBERT RYDELL
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	LARRY JOHNSON
SERVICE OFFICER	TOM MORANT

DUES \$25.00

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, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24 1982 - JUL 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 - UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
SECRETARY	PAT ANDRIES
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

AUXILIARY MEETING THE THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH
AT THE POST'S OFFICE ON AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY
1:30 P.M.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
VFW PST #4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

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**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER**

belong to a Post in Denver but one day had a call from Neal Thomas who asked me to transfer the Post 209. I intended to be just a card-carrying member but I discovered that didn't help the Post at all. I wanted to do more for The American Legion so I began to work Bingo. I did that job for 15 years but I found I had to slow down because of my heart. But I am still doing whatever I can when they need me. And we need your help to obtain our Post Home.

It is a real treat to report that we are not only above 100% of our membership goal for 2001, but we are now at 276 and only need 21 more to get our Commander Francis Redington a special jacket for making 110% of our goal. This is his second and final year as Commander of Post 209. Thus, it would be an appropriate way to honor his hard work and service to the Post, to the many veterans he has helped, and to the children and youth of our community whose lives he has touched directly.

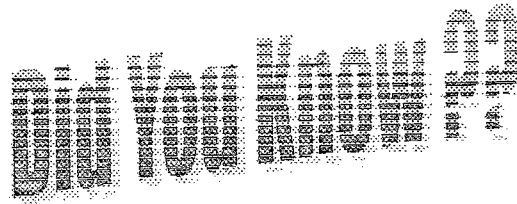
Please help us by signing up at least one new member.

Please remember to call Chaplain Howard Hornik to report any illness or death of members or family members. Recently, we have seen member Donald Jarvis go on to Post Everlasting and sent our condolences to member William Wohlleb upon the death of his wife Elizabeth.

I add my encouragement to that of District Adjutant Larry Johnson to attend the District 7 Ball. This is a unique event in the Department of Colorado that has always been enjoyed by those coming to it. The price is right, \$10.00 each, the food is good, and the fun is great!

You Did it !!

That's right, you did it, for the first time in many years we have exceeded our membership goal. We had a goal of 270 members for the legion membership 2000-2001. We are now trying to get 10 per cent over the assigned goal, in order to get our Commander, Francis Redington, a Commander's jacket. I believe we can do this if everyone in the post works together. If you know of anyone (man or woman) who served during a period of conflict as set by congress (the dates are listed on your membership card), please sign him/her up and bring/or send the membership along with the dues to the post. I am sure that the Commander would thank you for the chance to join the ranks of past commanders who have received a jacket for their efforts.



April 5, 1993 - the first class of recently discharged veterans begins training in Sterling, Va., for eventual placement in well-paying jobs in the construction industry. The landmark training and job placement program is a joint effort by The American Legion and the Laborers' International Union of North America to assist veterans returning to an uncertain job market.

December 5, 2000 -

The American Legion joins the Olympic Training Committee as a full voting member. Joining such organizations as the Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs of America to name a few. The appointment to the committee was based on the Children and Youth programs, such as the American Legion baseball, where it is estimated that there are 90,000 kids playing ball every year, and The American Legion Shooters program, where there is an estimated 14,000 boys and girls who participate annually.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Centennial 209 will be installing the officers of the Post as well as the officers of the Unit.

This event is scheduled for the Saturday, 26 May. The evening will begin with a social hour from 6:30

p.m., with dinner to be served at 7:00 p.m. About 8:00 p.m. the Installation of Officers for Unit 209 will begin and the Installation for the Post will commence after the Unit is completed. Menu will consist of New York strip steak and the cost is only \$ 10.00 per person.

This is an opportunity to meet the officers who have served you for the year as well as meet the officers who are going to lead you for the upcoming year.

This is also an excellent opportunity to meet other members of the post and a chance to hear what has been happening this past year.

District 7 Ball

The American Legion District Ball will be held on Saturday, 14 April, at American Legion Post 38, 6685 Southmoor Dr, Security, Co.

Doors open with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and a dinner of prime rib, potato, salad, veggies and a desert at 7:00 p.m. Following the dinner a ceremony honoring the Past Presidents and Past Commanders of District 7, awards to the Post of the Year and Legionnaire of the Year. Following the awards there will live music for everyone's enjoyment.

Tickets are available from the Post Commander and Unit President or Larry Johnson at 622-0344.

Please make plans to attend. In the past it has been fun evening for all that attended.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2001-2002

The following Legionnaires have been recommended by the nomination committee to lead our post for the upcoming year 2001-2002.

Although they have been recommended, nominations for the various positions will be accepted from the floor. The election of officers will be conducted Thursday, 19 April 2000.

The general membership meeting will be held at VFW Post 4051, 430 E Pikes Peak Ave, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Commander	
Senior Vice Commander	
Junior Vice Commander	
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Greg Andries
Sergeant at arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Historian	
Service Officer	Thomas Morant
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Imm Past Cdr	Francis Redington

