

**THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209**  
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**April 2005 – NEWSLETTER**

# **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

**Meeting**  
**Saturday April 9, 2005**  
**TREA, Breakfast 9:00 AM, Meeting 10:00 AM**

## **Officers' Comments**

### **COMMANDER-Bill Marshall**

I thank all of our members for their support of the Post this past year. We are moving in a positive direction and over the next year, I hope to see a new Post home that we can all be proud of and enjoy. The Executive Committee will meet with the developer on April 5, 2005, to discuss progress on the proposed Post home.

### **April General Membership Meeting**

It will be a busy meeting as we vote on the changes to The Constitution and Bylaws submitted at the March meeting and elect new officers for 2005-2006. Unfortunately, TREA scheduled another group at 12:00 PM so we must finish our business by 11:15 AM so they can clean and reset the room. Please work with me on this one so we can complete the business at hand.

### **April Breakfast Meeting**

Due to the increase in cost at TREA, the Executive Committee agreed to raise the price of breakfast to \$7. For the time being, the menu WILL NOT change.

### **May General Membership Meeting**

This will be a breakfast meeting as well and the Installation of Officers for 2005-2006.

## **PAST COMMANDER-Chuck Zeitvogel**

### **Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee Chairman reported at the March 12, 2005 General Membership meeting the Officer Nominations for 2005-2006 as follows:

**Commander** – Bill Marshall

**Sr. Vice Commander** – W.W. Bandler

**Jr. Vice Commander** – Robert “Bob” Cancellieri

**Adjutant** – Ann Foster

**Finance Officer** – Norm Moyer

**Sgt. At Arms** – Robert Rydell

**Chaplin** – Mario Taracena

**Historian** – Open, although several nominees are being considered.

**Post Executive Committeeman** – Neal Thomas

The Judge Advocate and Service Officer are appointed by the new Commander, with the concurrence of the Post Executive Committee.

**Members must be present to vote, no proxy or absentee ballots. You must sign in with the Sgt-at-Arms and show your 2005 MEMBERSHIP CARD. If you have not renewed your membership for 2005, you may do so at the door. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.**

### **Identity Theft**

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it some day. Maybe we should all take some of his advice!

<<A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:

1. The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
3. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
4. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never

have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important of all (I never even thought to do this):

Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks. Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., if it has been stolen:

- a.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- b.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- c.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- d.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271>>

### **JR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler**

To all Post Legionnaires, especially those who were not able to attend the March general meeting.

There is a pending submission of a bill before the Senate by both Senators Wayne Allard and Ken Salazar to establish a Veteran's National Cemetery in the Colorado Springs area. There was

an article in the Gazette last week outlining this proposal including El Paso County Commissioners possibly donating the land for the cemetery.

The Post's officers encourage all member Legionnaires, if possible, to contact our two Senators and our House Representative to show that we as Veterans want this bill to pass. It's long overdue that the Pikes Peak area with all its Veterans has a local National Veterans Cemetery.

Contacts for our Senators and House Representative:

Wayne Allard	Ken Salazar	Joel Hefley
525 Dirksen S.O.B.	B40A Dirksen S.O.B.	2230 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20510	Washington, DC 20510	Washington, DC 20515
202-224-5941	202-224-5852	202-225-4422 Or 719-520-0055
<a href="http://allard.senate.gov">http://allard.senate.gov</a>	<a href="http://salazar.senate.gov">http://salazar.senate.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.house.gov/hefley">www.house.gov/hefley</a>

### **ADJUTANT – Ann Foster**

#### **Membership**

We now have 300 members for 2005. That is one above 105% of our goal. Let's keep up the good work, so we can continue to help the District and Department reach their goals.

#### **Cub Pack 24**

The Blue and Gold Banquet is set for 30 March at Washington Elementary School on W. Pikes Peak Ave. The Post will be receiving our re-charter paperwork. Cub Scouts are celebrating their 75th Anniversary and our Pack is more than 60 years old.

#### **Junior Shooting**

Esther Redington and I attended the Widefield NJROTC Military Ball 4 March. It was a real pleasure to represent the Post at this annual event that teaches the cadets how to do a formal program. The awards program for the unit will be 27 April at the school.

#### **Post Records**

Past Commander Chuck Zeitvogel sent us an E-Mail about how to request your DD Form 214 online. The website is: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. I have requested my DD Form 214 as a test. So far, I have done everything correct on the computer. You do have to sign the request that is printed out and send that in. I have done that, but there has not been enough time for it to come back yet. Because you provide the information they need to process your request, it will save time when they receive your signed form. They will just send your DD Form 214 right back without having to ask anything further of you. So, all of you who have been unable to provide the Post a copy may now be able to so. Besides the copy we need, you should have one for your family to insure all benefits of your service will be available to them.

**CHAPLAIN – Mario Taracena**

**The Passover Holiday**

Jacob, the grandson of Abraham and his 12 sons, moved to Egypt about 1800 BC. They were invited and encouraged to do so by the Pharaoh. In Egypt, they grew, prospered and multiplied exceedingly. The children of Israel (also called Hebrews) were hard working and fruitful. This brought about jealousy and resentment from the Egyptians. The King acting on this distrust imposed high taxes and burdens and he ultimately enslaved them.

For hundreds of years the Israelites were slaves, but they longed to be free. The Pharaoh, fearing their increasing number, decreed that all their male infants were to be killed. One baby was saved by being placed in a reed basket and left to float down the river. He was discovered and rescued by Pharaoh's daughter, who named him Moses. When Moses grew up, he tried to get the King to free his people. The Lord sent down ten plagues to the land of Egypt but to no avail. Finally, the Lord commanded Moses and the Hebrews: "And none of you shall go out the door of his house until the morning... for the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians." When the Angel of Death came at midnight, it passed over the homes of the Hebrews who had spread the blood of a lamb over their doorways. They thus were spared the death of their firstborn children. (Ex 12:27)

The next day, the people, led by Moses, were able to depart quickly towards their promised land.

To commemorate Israel's deliverance from bondage, the Lord commanded the people to celebrate the "Feast of the Passover." Presently, this traditional event takes place in the month of April. People gather to read the scriptures, and eat traditional and symbolic foods. Unleavened bread is eaten in remembrance of how the Hebrews, in their flight for freedom, had no time let their bread rise. Spring vegetables, eaten with salty water, are the symbol of rebirth and freedom, with the salty water symbolizing the tears of suffering.

A doughy mixture of apples, nuts, wine and cinnamon (charoset) represents the mortar that the slaves used to make bricks. Lamb or turkey is also eaten to represent the offerings the people made during their journey or Exodus.

During the Passover celebration, some 1500 years after the Exodus, Jesus Christ was crucified.

**Programs Supported by Post 209**

- Service to Veterans
- Veterans Day Parade
- Boy's State
- Crawford House for Homeless Veterans
- Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans
- Pikes Peak Veterans Council
- Scouting
- Jr. ROTC
- Jr. Shooting Program
- Oratorical Contest

**Coming Events**

- 5 April---Ex. Comm.& Brd. of Trustees mtg. 6:30 PM
- 8-9 April---National Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis
- 9 April---Breakfast 9:00AM, General membership meeting 10:00 AM, Officer Elections
- 23 April---Passover Begins at Sundown
- 24 April---Passover

**2004-2005 Ad Hoc Committees**

- Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510
- Property Inventory
  - Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624
  - Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344
- Auxiliary Liaison – Bill Marshall, 719-495-0088
- Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

**2004-2005 Board of Trustees**

- Chairman – Neal Thomas
- Secretary – Alton Cyriaque
- Finance Officer – Norm Moyer
- Commander – Bill Marshall
- Member (3yr) – Alton Cyriaque
- Member (3yr) – Chuck Zeitvogel
- Member (2yr) – Ann Foster
- Member (1yr) – Neal Thomas
- Member (1yr) – Larry Johnson

**2004-2005 Meetings**

- Post Executive Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Trustees meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104 immediately following Post Executive Committee Meeting.

<b>2004-2005 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee</b>	
Commander	Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander	Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Commander	W.W. Bandler
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Penny Marshall
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Ex. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
<b>2004-2005 Auxiliary Unit</b>	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Open
Sergeant-at-Arms	Open

# Calendar

April 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Savings Time Begins	4	5	6	7 EC & Board of Trustees, 6:30 PM	8	9 Breakfast 9 AM Meeting 10 AM Election Of Officers
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Passover begins at sundown
24 Passover	25	26	27	28	29	30