



# Centennial Post 209

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## NEWSLETTER

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** A meeting of the Post Executive Committee will be conducted at 7:00 PM on 2 August 1989, at the Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Boulevard.

**POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** A meeting of The Post General Membership will be conducted at 7:00 PM. 17 August 1989, at the Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Boulevard.

One month of the American Legion Year 1989-1990 has passed on never to return. This month has been a month of mixed emotions. It has been met with some misgivings and some good at the same time.

The misgivings are that as 11 August 1989 we will will not have a Bingo Manager nor a Post Home/Club Director, as John Kovar who is currently holding these two positions has informed the Post that he will no longer serve in those capacities.

In the past the Past Commanders as well as myself have requested help from the Legionnaires currently enjoying membership within Centennial Post 209 for help. The reason that I am pointing this out is that there are some members of the Post who feel that this will be the end of the Post as we know it now. Others feel that in the Past we have survived this same type of problem and because of this that we have grown stronger and closer as a Post.

At this point I do now know which way to turn except to the members of the Post for help. As we all know in the past month I have reported that we have 246 paid up members for the American Legion Year 1988-1989. To me this means that there are 246 Legionnaires out there that have a head and more important have ideas and experience that could be of help to the Post now and in the future.

At this time I am again requesting the help and expertise of those Legionnaires in order to get some one to serve as the Bingo Chairman responsible for insuring that the only money making activity that this Post operates continues to do so. In addition, I am requesting an additional five assistant games managers complete with teams of up to fifteen other Legionnaires to work Bingo one time a month, thereby controbuting to the organization. Without this help from you the Legionnaires of this Great Post I do not see us continueing to grow as we have in the past.

Additionally, I mentioned that we are also in need of a Post Home/Club director, whose duties will be to obtain maximum participation in the Post Home/Club so as to offer the membership the opportunity to come together and ACT as a unit, one for all, and all for one, The American Legion Centennial Post 209. In addition, to the Club/Post Home Director I am in need on putting together a committee that would be comprised of three Legionnaires from Post 209 to serve as an advisory panel to the Director for the operation of the club. I know that with the vast number of Legionnaires that someone or more have had experience in the operation of a Club or other entertainment facility some time or another. I really would like to see those individuals step forward and give the Post the benefit of thier experiance in that endeavor.

Anyone who would like to accept the position of Bingo Chairman, Team or Assistant games managers or to act as the Club Director or serve of that committee if you would give me a call at 574-0646 I would be in your debt.

The good that I talked about earlier is that we are into the first month of the new membership year for the membership drive. I have the privilege of reporting that at the present time we have approximately 60 members paid up for the upcoming year. That is very good, as, the membership goal for Centennial Post 209 is 246 members. This means that we are about one-fourth of the way to our goal. I offer everyone a challenge this year and that challenge is not only to renew your membership by 1 November 1989 but to also sign up two new members. This would double our membership and at the same time provide support to the programs of the American Legion.

**FORT LYON VISITATLON:** On September 9, 1989, Fort Lyon VA Medical Hospital will again conduct its annual All Patients Day. I know that in the past I have explained what this day is but if you will humor me I am going to explain it again. First of all the patients that are in the Hospital are for the most part permanent patients at the hospital. In other words they will never leave. The hospital. They treat veterans and in some cases their dependants for acholism as well as drug rehabilitation. In addition they also care for Alshiemers disease on a continueing basis. Most of these patients do not have any family to visit or support them nor do they have a pension or any other additional support, so the Veterans Organizations such as the American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc as well as the Fraternal Organizations such as the Eagles, Elks, etc get together at Fort Lyon Medical Center and conduct sort of a carnival whereby the patients can win such items as socks, underclothes, T-Shirts, small hand held radios, etc for their use while they are in the hospital. In addition, these same organizations pass thru the patients that cannot get out of bed and pass of canteen books so that they can purchase things from the canteen. In addition, to these activities the Hospital conducts a picnic for the patients and volunteers like us who go down and conducts tours of the facilities so that everyone can see what is available to help the patients. There are therapy units such as silk-screening, illustrations, craft shops, etc for patients use.

One of the things that I have proseed to the Post Executive Committee and the General Membership is the possibility of renting a van or a mini bus and taking a bunch of us Legionnaires and the Auxiliary and as many family members as possible and taking everyone down for the visitation. In addition, we could stop along the way at the roadside markets as well as and maybe pick up some very good bargains in the area of produce. We would leave about 7:00 in the morning and arrive there are approximately 11:00 in the morning in time for the picnic and the afternoon events. Anyone who would like to take this trip and get away from Colorado Springs for a few hours give me a call at 574-0646 and if we can get enough interest together we will do what I have propsoed. In addition, anyone having some old luggage cases that they no longer need the Hospital is in need of need of them. Also, if you have any old mens clothing or womens clothing that you do not need anymore the VA Hospital sure can put them together.

SILVER KEY SUPPORT: During the last meeting in July the general membership heard a report on the wheelchair and walker support that the Post undertook for Silver Key. The report indicated that we had repaired and delivered back to Silver Key a total of twelve wheelchairs and one walker. I would like to thank those Legionnaires who have donated their time for this repair project on behalf of the Post. T H A N K Y O U very much for your time and efforts.

The next meeting of the Post will 17 August 1989, at 7:00 P.M. at the Post Home. I hope to see and everyone of you at this meeting. S E E Y O U T H E R E

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
COMMANDER

AUXILIARY CORNER

HI LADIES:

First of all, I want to thank everyone who came out to our last meeting. I was truely amazed by the large turnout and personally thank each and everyone of you for your support. It is by working together that we will be able to grow larger and stronger and spread more wealth. Thanks to everyone who contributed refreshments. They were all delicious. This was a very special get together as we installed the new officers for this upcoming year. I would like to thank June Thomas for the fine job she did as installing officer.

Things are looking up as we pick up more and more members everyday.

We'll also feel more official now that we have a Charter that we can see and an American Flag and Auxiliary Banner to post at each meeting. We are getting organized, but now we need to get more involved. We need to start working on some community service and projects to help the veterans. We need to do some money making projects to help those less fortunate than ourselves. I would like everyone to try and work on some ideas to share at our next meeting on the 17th of August 1989. I hope to see everyone then.

MARGERY JOHNSON  
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

CALENDER OF EVENTS

2 August 1989 Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. at Post Home  
17 August 1989 Post Meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Post Home  
  
4 September 1989 Labor Day  
9 September 1989 Fort Lyon Visitation, Everyone come and enjoy a good time.  
6 September 1989 Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Post Home  
21 September 1989 Post General Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Post Home  
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED Fall Conference at Post 38, Security Colorado/

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