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FROM THE POST COMMANDER:

I would like to start this newsletter with an apology to all of the Members of Centennial Post 209 as well as unit 209 for not having a newsletter out to you in a timely manner. All I can say is that there was a little bit of a communication problem and I hope to have that corrected as soon as possible. Please accept my apologies.

August is the month of the Volunteer for Centennial Post 209. By this I mean, I need some HELP in a very BIG way. Now we know that the Officers have been elected for this year so that is no problem. However, some of the committees that I am seeking help in are as follows:

Budget	Finance
Building	Planning and Social
Office	Americanism/Children and
Veteran Affairs	Youth.
and Rehabilitation.	Public Relations
Ways and Means	Subcommittees for Boys
	State and Oratorical

/1/ WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

This committee's primary activity is to investigate ways of obtaining more funding for such American Legion programs such as Boys State and Children and Youth and a host of others as well as to obtain additional funds toward the purchase of a permanent Post home.

These are a few of the committees that I need help with. Before you say I don't know anything about these programs--neither did I when I undertook the Department's Oratorical program in 1986. However, I was able to receive the help I needed and was able to continue the programs for four years.

Right now the Post has 339 names on the roster. To me that means that there are 339 minds out there that can give some very good advice on a variety of subjects which would be useful to the Post. I am not asking for 40 to 50 hours a week volunteer time. I am asking for one, two, three, or four hours, or whatever you can spare a month toward one of the programs or activities of the American Legion. If you could find some time, please contact the Post and leave your name and telephone number or contact me at 590-1369 at home, or 579-5798/5672 at work. Let me know what area you are interested in helping with.

LARRY L. JOHNSON
COMMANDER

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

Hi Legionnaires!

Get your dues in early. We must reach our 100% goal by the American Legion birthday (March 1991). We led the state in 1989-90 and were seated in the front row at the Department Convention. It made me so proud to be in DISTRICT 7 and in CENTENNIAL POST 209. We have 83 paid memberships turned in now toward our goal of 255. The early bird stamp will be applied to all cards whose owners have renewed their membership by October 31, 1990. Let's let our cards show we are proud to renew early.

One of the easiest ways of not having to renew every year is to get the Colorado Permanent Membership plan. This plan is open from July 1st to December 31st 1990. In order to qualify, you must have renewed your 1991 membership at \$20.00 per year. Then you must figure the cost of the membership by multiplying \$12.50 times \$20.00 which comes out to \$250.00 and then add an administration fee of \$30.00 for a full total of \$300.00. For further information, stop by the Post and there will be someone there to help you.

Please come out and get involved with our programs. We need help. Bring an eligible guest and we will make them welcome. Remember, EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER and retain the members we have. See you at the meeting.

JUNE THOMAS
SR. VICE COMMANDER.

FROM THE JR. VICE COMMANDER:

On August 18th we will have Post Picnic at Fort Carson's Iron Horse Park #1. We will have a sign up sheet in the Post lounge and would like to have you come by and sign up or call. We must know the number of adults and children planning to attend.

On September 15th we are planning a Mexican dinner and dance which will be held in the Post area.

On October 6th we will have our Octoberfest also in the Post area and in late October plans are in motion for a Halloween Party. Watch for more details in your newsletters.

LOUIS MIKULECKY
JR. VICE COMMANDER.

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER:

On September 8th the Post and Unit will once again undertake a trip to Fort Lyon VA Hospital for the All Patients Day Activities. The Post is arranging transportation in the form of a van or a bus depending on how many Legionaires, Auxiliary members, or members of the families are interested in attending. Last year we had 18 members and their families go down and we had a ball. There are some pictures of the Activity at the Post posted on the wall in the Legions meeting room. Anyone interested in attending please stop by the Post and sign up with the Bartender and please leave your telephone number.

In talking with the Service Officer at Department, one of the most prevalent problems in the death of a Legionaire is that no one knows where their spouses DD Form 214 is. In addition, when we sign up a new member we are supposed to view that person's DD 214 to ascertain eligibility.

I have spoken with the Commander and we have a storage file that we could keep a copy of the Form 214 for use whenever you might need it. The file would be under lock and key and only the officers would have access to it.

HOWARD HORNIK
SERVICE OFFICER

FROM THE CLUB COMMITTEE:

The hours for the lounge are as follows;

Tuesday - Friday	2:00 - 10:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 - 10:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 - 8:00 PM
Holidays	12:00 Noon -

On August 18th the Post will not open until 6:00 PM due to the fact that the Post Picnic will be held on that day.

You should all be aware of the daily drawing in the bar now. If you come in, put your quarter in the jar and sign in. You might just be a winner. If you have not been in for some time, come in now, say "hello" and have a drink or a coke.

MAX, ROGER, and LOU.

AMERICAN LEGION REPORT OF SERVICE OFFICER

You probably have read or heard some controversial reports of people who are connected to a machine in a hospital for several months or years and no one will pull the plug.

In Colorado a LIVING WILL is legal. If you do not want your family to be faced with this burden, you may be interested in a LIVING WILL. There is a form that can be copied by hand, witnessed by two (2) people and be a legal document

On May 9th, 1989, the state of Colorado FORMALLY RECOGNIZED LIVING WILLS THROUGH THE COLORADO MEDICAL TREATMENT ACT. The law now allows a competent adult to declare that his life shall not be prolonged by artificial life-sustaining procedures if, at some future time, he or she becomes incapacitated by a terminal medical condition and is unable to reject such a procedure. The law does not authorize euthanasia or mercy killings.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

It must be in writing and must be voluntarily signed by the declarant. It may be signed anytime, as long as the declarant is 18 years of age or older and is competent. The declaration MUST BE signed by two witnesses.

I have copies of the form if anyone is interested....

Many of you may be upset by the congressional attitude on the legality of burning the American flag. You can holler or scream but that will not do much good. But, what you can do, if you want to, is at the next congressional election, remember who your congressman or congresswoman was who voted for this attitude and vote them out of office. REMEMBER, the problem is not fully with the congress, but with those people who continually vote them back into office.

HOWARD HORNIK
SERVICE OFFICER
AMERICAN LEGION POST 209

FROM UNIT 209

HELLO LADIES:

Unit 209 is starting to move in a different direction as far as activities are concerned.

We are planning to have a Halloween Party in October and a Luau in November. These parties are in the planning stages and if anyone has any ideas to share with us a quick phone call to the Post at 591-2272, to Betty and they will be presented to the unit at the next meeting. Or, better yet, why not come to our next meeting on August 16th at 7:00 PM (Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00).

It's time to pay your dues for 1991, they are still \$10.00. If you cannot come by the Post home (1337 North Academy) just send them to:

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 209
ATTN: Membership Chairman
1337 North Academy
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Some important dates for August and September:

AUGUST 1st.	Executive Committee meeting.
AUGUST 8-12th	Pike's Peak or Bust Rodeo
AUGUST 16th	Regular meeting 6:00 Spaghetti Dinner 7:00 Meeting
AUGUST 18th	Post Picnic, Fort Carson Iron Horse Park #1.
AUGUST 24-30	National Convention. Indianapolis, Indiana.
SEPTEMBER 8th	All Patients Day - Fort Lyons
SEPTEMBER 15th	Tex-Mex Dinner

Also Labor Day - SEPTEMBER 3rd, the Post opens at 12:00 Noon.

We would like to see each and everyone of you here at these fun times. If you come once maybe you will come again.

Betty Mikulecky
President Unit 209

THE ADJUTANT'S REPORT

The General Membership meeting of July 19th, 1990 was an especially important meeting and much was accomplished. Of particular note was the lively discussion and subsequent agreement to give the "Go Ahead" to the building committee to begin seriously seeking the site of our permanent post home. The building committee consists of Neal Thomas, Bill Weeks, and Al Cyriaque. If you have any suggestions for these committeemen I am sure they will be glad to receive them.

Please note that, in order to get an "Early Bird" stamp on your 1991 membership card, your renewal must be received no later than October 31st. Get those renewals in and let's make 209 the first post to reach its goal for this year. Also, if you would like information on Colorado Permanent Membership contact the Senior Vice Commander, June Thomas.

There were twenty-seven members present for the meeting. This is a very good turnout and shows that the members are interested in how the post is run. We hope to see an even larger group next meeting.

American Legion Post 209 will have a picnic on August 18, 1990, at Ironhorse Park on Fort Carson. The starting time will be 11:00 a.m. We will plan to eat at about 1:00 p.m. and leave around 4:00 p.m. The Post will provide the meat, drinks and condiments. We ask each family to bring your favorite dish: salad, beans, dessert, or whatever you like. We encourage everyone to attend this special Post function. If you plan to attend only one function this year, this should be the one.

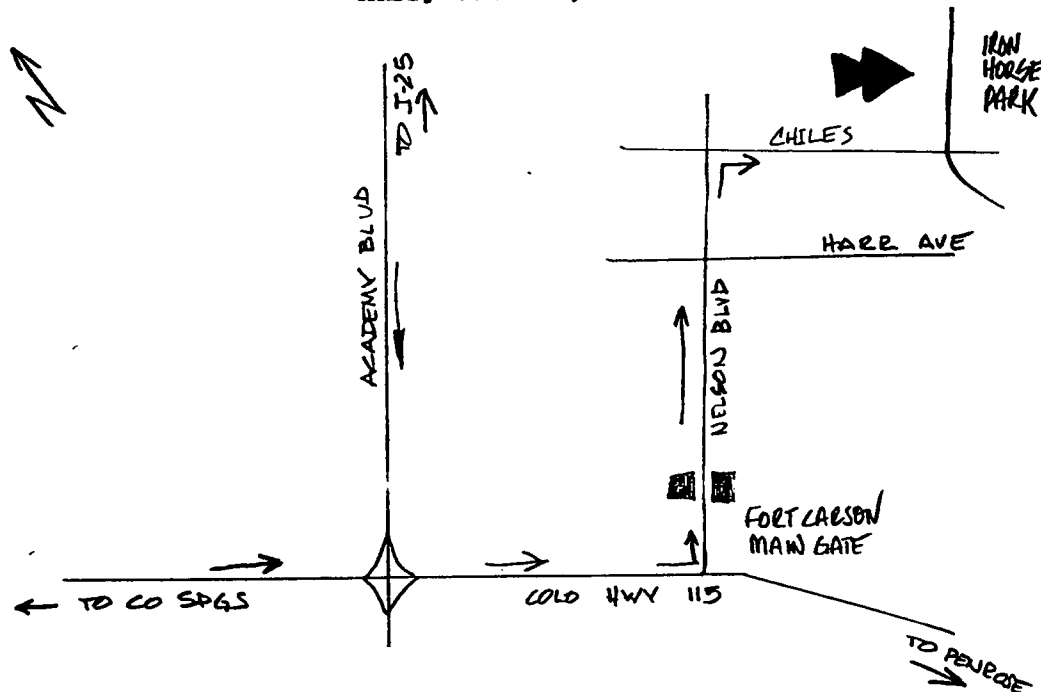
Please complete the enclosed and return it to the Post before August 4, 1990, or you may call in your reservation. The map below will direct you to the site. Please indicate your desires for the activities you would like. If you have any questions, please call Harry Johnson at 596-9261.

My family would like to participate in the following events:

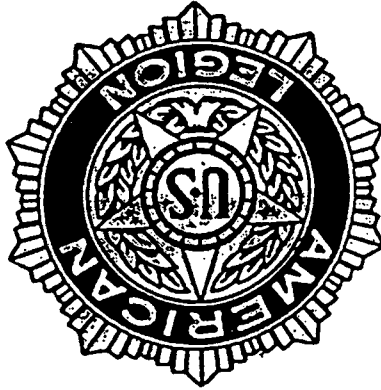
- _____ Softball
 - _____ Basketball
 - _____ Horseshoes
 - _____ Play Cards
 - _____ Miniature Golf (\$1.50 per game)
 - _____ Drive Go Cart (\$1.50 per drive)
 - _____ None of the above, but I would like to:
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There will be no charge to you except for the two items above. We hope to see everyone out to enjoy this event.

-Harry Johnson, Chairman



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