



**CENTENNIAL POST 209**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION**



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**AUGUST 1995**

**FROM THE COMMANDER - HARRY JOHNSON**

The House passed the Flag Amendment with a veto-proof percentage, and we need 3 votes in the Senate to insure a veto-proof percentage. If you have not yet done so, please contact your Senator's office in Colorado Springs, and let them know how you feel about this very important issue, as well as other issues discussed in the last newsletter.

We need your help in regard to our annual visit to Fort Lyon. Please clean your closet and arrange to get the useable items of clothing to us to take to our comrades at the Fort Lyon Hospital. These comrades are in dire need of the items you no longer use. Stop and think...how would you feel if you were in their shoes? Perhaps abandoned by family and friends, physically unable to work and be productive, have little or no income. You would want help, and you can give this help with little effort on your part.

We suffered a set-back in the fight to keep our government from normalizing relations with Vietnam. We can still demand that our officials do everything possible to

insure that all our comrades are accounted for and returned, living or dead, to their families. Again, you must let your elected officials know how you feel about this issue. Put yourself in their shoes, being abandoned in a foreign prison camp, realizing that your own country doesn't care enough to demand your return. Demand action. Do it now.

The House and Senate know that only 30% of the 3.2 million American Legion members voted in the last election. That's a terrible record for us to have. We are the ones who went to war to protect our freedom. With presidential elections coming up next year, make an extra effort to get registered and to vote for the person of your choice.

Our annual picnic is coming this month. It will be held on our property. Come on out, enjoy the good meal and see what a beautiful piece of property we hope to build on. It is something to be proud of.

The membership committee has met and made plans for the year. There will be an opportunity to earn awards and prizes. See the article in this newsletter.

**POST OFFICERS**

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
JR VICE COMMANDER	CHUCK CLABBERS
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	J. C. SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	JEFF NEW
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONGSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

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, 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	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREAS	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

**MEETINGS**

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
834 Emory - TREA BLDG

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**SR VICE COMMANDER HARRY MCFADDEN**

I hope, with God's assistance to have at least six articles with encouraging news in our Post 209 newsletter this year. Next month we will be going once again to Fort Lyon to visit our veterans there.

First we have our Post picnic on August 19. I would very much like to meet all of you there, especially you who haven't come to our meetings at the TREA Building. We also need to pay our 95-96 dues. Commander Harry and I will appreciate your attendance at meetings and payment of your dues ASAP. I would like to see 500 plus members in our Post. If you would like to help with the membership drive by encouraging friends to join, you might win an award.

As acting Service Officer, I was able to help a widow with her VA check. She was very pleased to have the support of the post. We also aided a couple from American Legion Post #28 whose car broke down while enroute to visit a sick daughter in Colorado Springs.

Feel free to contact your Post if there is a serious need.

**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER**

I am happy to report that we are already at 20% of our goal of 501 members for the coming Legion year. Yes, we have the same goal as last year; however, I hope that you intend to keep sending in those renewals so we can do much better than last year. The Membership Committee, consisting of Chair Larry Johnson, Commander Harry Johnson, Sr Vice Comdr Harry McFadden and myself has met and planned a number of incentives to help us reach our goal this year. Review Larry's article for the specifics and jump on the bandwagon!

I will be attending a meeting at Post 5, August 2, reference the upcoming Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. Several members help with this event which benefits the military organizations in our community by acting as ushers, taking tickets at the gates, selling programs, etc. If you want to help, please leave a message at the Post, 599-8624, and I'll be able to get information to you. The advantages are that we earn money for the Post, get to see whatever is happening with the rodeo, and the military community benefits. The rodeo runs August 9 - 13. Saturday afternoon matinee is set aside to honor the military. If you can't help, at least attend this fun event.

At the July 20 General Meeting, held in the Auxiliary room of The Retired Enlisted Association, we had very few members in attendance. I imagine that vacations and other summer activities may be the reason; however, we do need the input of our membership to have a viable program for the coming Legion year, and we miss you. So please plan on coming to our future meetings which will continue in the Auxiliary room at the north end of the building...the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

**THE AUXILIARY - PRESIDENT BARBARA JOHNSON**

The General Membership meeting was held at the Legion Business Office on July 20. At this meeting, the budget for the year 95-96 was approved. Also discussed was the probability of having to raise our dues from \$12.00 to \$15.00 because National has raised its dues for 1996-97. The amount of money our Unit keeps from the money you pay in dues will decrease from \$4.40 to \$2.40 if we do not increase. This money pays for our various programs. This matter will be voted on at our next meeting. Plan to attend and make your views known.

Dues for the current year 95-96 are now being accepted. They are still \$12.00. We will also decide where we will have our meetings for the rest of the year.

Coming up in August:

Executive Meeting, August 2

Regular Meeting at Legion Business Office, August 17, 7:00 P.M. We will be open by 6:30 for those of you who come early.

Post Annual Picnic August 19. Check paper for time and place. Please bring a covered dish. Meat will be provided by the Post, as well as condiments, plates, tableware, cups. September 9 Ft Lyon

**BULLETIN FROM DEPARTMENT**

The United Veterans Committee will host the Mayor of Aurora, the Denver VA Medical Center, The Future of Fitzsimons Initiative and other interested veterans organizations and interested veterans for an open forum on August 9th, at Buckley Air National Guard base in the Administration building. We encourage everyone who is affected by the closing of Fitzsimons to be at this meeting. Please RSVP to Department, 303-477-1655.

## ANNUAL POST PICNIC

This year's Post Picnic has been scheduled for the 19th of August, 1995. Come out around 12:00 and we'll serve at 1:00.

The picnic will be held at the Post's property on the corner of OLD FARM ROAD and AUSTIN BLUFFS, directly across from the Loaf & Jug.

We've scheduled some games, such as badminton, volleyball, horseshoes.

The Post will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken and ribs and refreshments (soda, beer, and water). We ask everyone who is attending to bring their favorite dish and share it with us. If you have lawn chairs, it might be a good idea to bring them along as that way you will be assured of being comfortable.

This would be a great time to meet some of the other members of the Post, as well as a chance for the kids to meet and make new friends. It will provide an opportunity to view the property and see what we have.

We are asking that you pick up the phone and call either HARRY JOHNSON, 596-9261 OR LARRY JOHNSON 590-1369 or the POST HOME at 599-8624. Tell us who you are and how many will be attending. We'll go from there.

## 1996 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The 1996 membership year is starting to gain momentum. Our goal for the upcoming year is 501 Legionnaires. We can not only reach this goal but we can surpass it with the help of each one of you. We all know someone who has served during a period of conflict or who is currently serving on active duty. All we need to do is ask them to belong to the

best group of veterans in the world.

As an incentive, we, along with the Department and National Organizations, are offering the following awards for your help.

Everyone who signs up one member will receive a pen with The American Legion Emblem and our Post address on it. This will be presented at the General Membership meeting.

For those who bring in five members we will be presenting a sports bottle, also presented at the General Membership meeting.

For anyone bringing in ten new members, the Post will present a vest with the Post logo on it. This will be presented at the annual meeting in May, 1996.

To those who bring in fifteen members, the Post will present a personalized pocket name tag at the annual meeting in May.

In addition, the Department of Colorado is considering presenting a T-shirt of a special design during the Department Convention in June 1996.

The Department is also presenting a Silver Brigade Jacket for anyone signing up twenty-five new members, to be presented at the Department Convention.

The American Legion National organization will present to Legionnaires who sign up fifty new members a Gold Brigade Jacket.

There will also be an award for the Recruiter of the Year. This award has not been decided on yet but I do know you could win all three levels, Post, Department, and National if you put your mind to it.

**POST FUND RAISING  
ACTIVITIES**

The Post has only one fund-raising activity at this time, and that is the BINGO GAME on FRIDAY EVENINGS AT THE RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION at 834 EMORY CIRCLE.

We are doing fantastic, however, we are in need of volunteers. I do not know what else I can tell you except that without your help, we could be forced to close the Bingo game down as the workers we currently have are getting very tired. We need new blood. In addition, if we are to build a post home on our property we are going to need your help. By popular demand I have included the Bingo Workers Schedule.

**POST WORK DAY**

In preparation for the Annual Post Picnic, Saturday, August 5, has been declared a Post work day. I will be out on the property at about 7:30 a.m. cutting the grass and doing some general cleanup so we will have a nice area for the picnic. I could use some help trimming the grass and a few other things. If you can come out, please join me.

**FORT LYON ALL PATIENT  
DAY ACTIVITIES**

On Saturday, 9 September, we will be renting a bus to take Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and family members

down to the Fort Lyon VA Hospital. Fort Lyon on this day hosts All Patients Days Activities.

For the most part, patients in the hospital do not have family or money to purchase items they may need. So we, along with other veterans and civic groups, conduct a carnival type day of activities for the patients.

While we conduct a booth that provides T-shirts, shorts, and socks for the patients, we also provide a sense of accomplishment instead of making it seem like charity.

The hospital itself is a very clean facility and takes great care of the patients. They are always in need of clothing for the patients, including women veterans in the hospital. If you have clothes suit cases, magazines, western books and western movies that you no longer need call the post at 599-8624 and leave a message or bring it to the office on Saturday, and we will take it with us.

If you would like to go, please call the Post and leave your name so we can reserve a seat on the bus. It is a very rewarding experience. We have a good time, and we find time to stop at some of the fruit stands on the way. We leave at 7:00 A.M. and return about 7:00 P.M.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
FINANCE OFFICER

If you are a member of Post 209, and have a product or service which would benefit other members, let us know and we will add you to the list below.






Harry Johnson	Evans Army Hospital	Champus - All Service	527-7152
Joseph Crook	4108 Austin Bluff Pkwy	Mark's Dry Cleaners	598-6627
Neal Thomas	Job Service	Employment Issue	475-3730
Harry McFadden	2175 Jet Wing Drive	Chamlain/Specialty Sales	591-7606
Al Cyriaque Jr	704 E Boulder	Housing Rehabilitation	578-6999

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BINGO WORKERS SCHEDULE						
AUGUST 1995						
	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	
	WEEK	WEEK	WEEK	WEEK	WEEK	
CHECK VERIFICATION	AL C.	HARRY J.				
PAYOUT CLERK						
FRONT CLERK	FLO S	FLO S.	FLO S.	FLO S.	FLO S.	
FRONT CLERK	IREANA C	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	
SMALL JARS	TOM M.	BILL W.	TOM M.	BILL W.	TOM M.	
SMALL JARS	FRANCIS	FRANCIS		FRANCIS		
SMALL JARS						
LARGE JARS	BILL P.	BILL P.		BILL P.		
LARGE JARS	JEFF N.	JEFF .N	JEFF N.			
LARGE JARS						
FLOOR WALKER	WALLY L.	WALLY L.	WALLY L.			
FLOOR WALKER						
CALLER 1ST HALF	FLOYD B.	DORRIE W.	FLOYD B.	DORRIE W.	FLOYD B.	
CALLER 2ND HALF	LARRY J.	JEFF N.	BILL P.	LARRY J.	JEFF N.	
AS YOU SEE THERE ARE SOME SPACES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FILLED						
WE NEED SOME HELP ON FRIDAY EVENINGS						
PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU FIND SOME TIME TO HELP						
PLEASE CALL ME AT 590-1369- HOME OR 526-9093-WORK						

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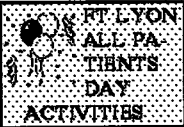




## CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2  7:00pm EXEC MTG	3	4 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	12
13	14  8:00pm 40/8 MTG	15	16	17  7:00pm GENERAL ME- MERSHIP MEETING REA #1	18 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	19  ANN- UAL POST PICNIC
20	21  7:30pm 8 & 40 MTG POST 5	22	23	24	25 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	26 AIR FORCE RETIREE DAY AT AFA
27	28	29	30	31		

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					1	2
					7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	 <b>Labor Day</b>		 7:00pm EXBC MTO		7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	 <b>FT LYON ALL PATIENTS DAY ACTIVITIES</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	 8:00pm 40/S MTO				7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	 7:30pm 8 & 40 MTO POST 5			 7:00pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RBA #1	7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<i>Autumn begins</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>				7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	





# ANNUAL POST PICNIC 19 AUGUST 1995

GAMES, VISITING AND  
GENERAL RELAXATION

**POST WILL SUPPLY MEAT,  
CONDIMENTS AND BREAD  
YOU BRING YOUR FAVORITE  
DISH**

PLEASE CALL BY 10 AUGUST  
1995 TO LEAVE NAME AND  
NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
ATTENDING (SEE NEWSLETTER)

COME OUT AND HAVE A GOOD TIME  
AND MEET NEW PEOPLE