

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

AUGUST 2000



The American Legion Air Rifle Championship tournament is set for August 8-13. This program allows people the opportunity to see young people who are truly focused and courteous. They are what WE would like to see all young people be like. This match gets under way at 8:00 am Thursday morning. If you can find time, please come and see for yourself.

Along those lines WE have mentioned in the newsletter about a very important event coming in a few months, the GENERAL ELECTIONS. Be sure to get registered and VOTE. Many critical items are on the political agenda for US as veterans and for many senior citizens. Many of US fall into both categories. With healthcare and cost of living on the line again, WE must get people in office who will listen to our concerns and suggestion.

The United States Air Force Academy has scheduled the NINETEENTH MILITARY HISTORY

SYMPOSIUM. If you are interested in this type of event, it will take place November 14-16. Further information can be obtained by calling the Symposium Director, Dr. John Jennings, at 333-8540, or you can see details on Academy website at [HTTP//www.USAF.AF.MIL/DFH/SYMPO19.HTML](http://www.USAF.AF.MIL/DFH/SYMPO19.HTML). You are cordially invited to attend this event.

Our membership meetings are becoming very informative because some members are asking question and wanting specific answers. It may be time for many of you to come out and express your views or ideas for the Post to act on. Things can only get better as more people get involved with Post activities. Come down on the third Thursday of August and see for yourself. If you are interested in Rodeo shows the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo will be in town August 9-14. WE are looking for people to assist in the area of ticket taking, program sales or ushering which will help us raise some funds at a critical time of this Post's operation. If you have any questions about anything in this article, call me at 719-471-3925.



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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
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31, 1984
PANAMA
DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
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DUES \$15.00

**AUXILIARY WILL MEET THE THIRD THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER
AT THE POST'S OFFICE ON AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY**

**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER**

We received a nice present for our membership goal for 2001. It is 270. Thanks to all of you who have been sending in your dues, we are already at about 52% of this goal with 141 members. Let's keep up the good work and see if we can make our 100% by the end of the recruiting season, 31 December.

Your Commander and I attended Department Convention on Saturday, June 24. It was a busy day with various award presentations as well as the conduct of business. We are proud to announce that the excellent skills of our Newsletter Editor earned the Post a Third Place award for Posts with a membership of 0 - 400.

MEETINGS

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

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DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

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The Convention Site Selection Committee announced Denver Post 1 will host the 2001 Convention at the Marriott Hotel on Hampden. The site for 2002 is between Alamosa and Aurora at this time. A decision is to be made at the Mid-Year Conference.

The Resolution Committee report by Chairman Tom Bock presented 18 resolutions. They will be covered in detail in future Department publications. We are encouraged to do more in the future.

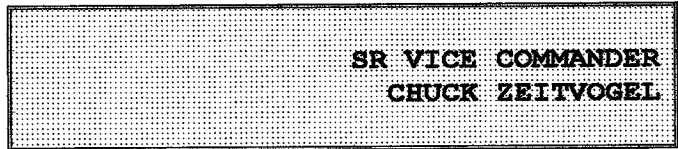
Results of the election of Department Officers are as follows: Commander Jeff Lugenbiel; Sr Vice Commander Danny DuMiller; Jr Vice Commanders Red Caldwell, Rick Padilla, Naamon Owens, Don Loomiller, and Doug Winters; Finance Officer Paul Erickson; Chaplain Tony McCrary, Historian Bill Meikle; and Sgt-at-Arms Rudy Miller.

One of the moving events of the day was a parade followed by the Dedication of the 20th Century Veterans Memorial presented by the Sons of The American Legion Post 32 at Roosevelt Park. If you are ever in Longmont, you should make a trip to see this very simple but stirring memorial.

Lunch came next at Longs Peak Middle School where there is a beautiful mural done by artists and students. One of the teachers is a Vietnam veteran who was largely responsible for the grants for the mural. His father is a WWII veteran and was introduced. The principal's brother is a Vietnam veteran and spoke eloquently about the relationship established by Post 32 and the school. She feels the students are expanding their education by learning what veterans have done for their country.

The Convention Banquet in the evening featured Past National Commander Tony Jordon as the speaker. He was excellent.

Remaining awards were also presented. The big surprise was Legionnaire of the Decade presented to National Executive Committeeman Tom Bock. It was a beautiful plaque and PNC Jordon played a major role in the presentation that heightened the surprise element.



MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP

The goal is to increase membership in our Post 209 to 270 for the year 2000-2001. As of June 20th we have 141 members. This is about 51% of the goal. Good work - thanks to you Legionnaires who have paid your current dues and renewed your membership. If you have not yet renewed for 2000-2001, please take a minute or two now to make out a check for \$25.00 and send it to the Post's office or bring it to the next general membership meeting.

All of us can help meet the membership goal of 270 now by taking the time to reach out to other eligible persons. Think about family members, friends and acquaintances that are eligible and invite them to join The American Legion and be a member of Centennial Post 209. Consider gift memberships.

The primary purposes of The American Legion include support to Veterans and to their families, as well as various youth groups. These important programs are accomplished by active involvement of participating members. The more participating members, the

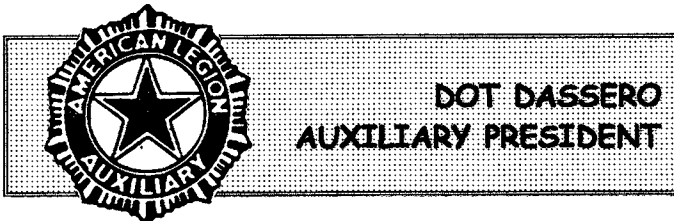
better our programs can be. Therefore, do what you can to help our membership goal of 270 members by December 31st of this year.

PARTICIPATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

Yes, this is true! Think now of participating in our local, state and national governments. This is important. The Primary Elections will be held August 8th and the General Elections will be November 7th. We have heard it before from various sources how important it is to vote in these elections.

Be an active part of the process. If you know anyone within El Paso County with questions about where to go to vote, advise them to contact the El Paso County Clerk's office at 575-8083 to verify the location of their voting place.

Also, consider helping at one of the polling locations. Training to be an election judge is provided by the County Clerk and his staff. The pay is \$75/day. For the system to work, several people are needed at each of the polling locations. If you can help, contact the County Clerk's office at 575-8683.



Excerpts from a letter from Christine Harvey, newly elected Department President says: "I would like to start our year by thanking all of you who gave me the honor of serving as your Department President. It is an

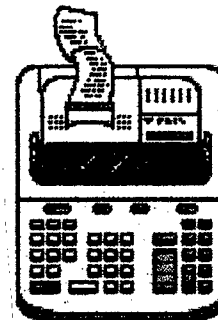
honor to be associated with each and every one of you!

To fill in those who were not at convention, our theme for 2000-2001 is "Peace and Unity within our organization. My chosen project is "Vash" (Veterans Administration Subsidized Housing). So please help the VA supply our Homeless Veterans with living necessities. Our membership theme is "The Uni-Express Crossing Colorado." So saddle up your unicorns and round up membership.

I would like to encourage each Unit and District to work closely with the American Legion Family. The Family is the key to a successful organization.

During Convention, it was decided to stop sending out the Sweepstakes and hold fund-raisers to make up the near \$7000 needed to balance our budget. So, as you can tell, we need help from each and every Unit. I formed a special fund-raiser committee for this purpose so please watch for their instructions and help out.

And following are the instructions for the enclosed "Silly Tax." Fill in the form and send a check for the tax "owed." Either send it to the Unit or directly to Department. Payment of Silly Tax will be accepted all year. We are more lenient than the government; we don't charge a late payment penalty or interest.



American Legion Auxiliary

SILLY TAX ASSESSMENT

Since taxes seem to be in style,
We've come up with a dilly.
We'll all make some dough,
and you'll have some fun
For our tax is a silly.

So, figure up the things you own
And gladly pay your fee,
For you'll see that we are taxing
Your dearest property.

Now when the tax is figured
And you know just what you owe,
Send the form right back to us
And don't forget the DOUGH!!

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>AMT TO PAY</u>
I live in a house	.15	_____
I live in an apartment	.10	_____
I live in a mobile home	.10	_____
I have ____ TV sets	Each @ .10	_____
I have ____ cars	Each @ .10	_____
I have a swimming pool	.10	_____
I have a living mother	.10	_____
I have a living father	.10	_____
I have ____ children	Each @ .05	_____
I have a husband	.15	_____
I have ____ brothers	Each @ .05	_____
I have ____ sisters	Each @ .05	_____
I have ____ Grandchildren	Each @ .05	_____
I have ____ Great-grandchildren	Each @ .05	_____
I have ____ Dogs	Each @ .05	_____
I have ____ Cats	Each @ .05	_____
I have ____ Birds	Each @ .05	_____
I have ____ goldfish, etc.	Each @ .01	_____
My age is under 75 years (over that exempt)		
I am ____ years of age.	Each @ .01	_____
My name has ____ letters	Each @ .01	_____
I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for ____ years	Each @ .01	_____

MY NAME IS _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

MY TOTAL TAX IS \$ _____