

Centennial 209 Newsletter

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From the Commander Charles Zeltvogel

Leadership & Participation:

What is leadership? Here are two working definitions: (1) "The ability to get people to do things willingly that they would not otherwise do," and (2) "Let me know where you want to go, what you want to do, and I'll help you get it done - get there". One may or may not agree with these definitions. Regardless, communication must take place in the leadership process. You might ask now where I'm going with this.

Where I'm going with this is to ask you and other members to contact me by letter, phone call, e-mail or by attending the general membership meetings and provide me "feed back" / communication of your concerns regarding the direction you would like our Post to take.

The officers, Executive Committee and Board of Trustees work to serve the needs of our membership as best they can. Examples: Attempts are being made to have dynamic and interesting general membership meeting as well as social functions everyone can afford and enjoy. Also, much effort is being expended in consideration for the development of the seven and half acres lot we own, and the building of a Post office/home there.

The more members that participate in these activities and provide "feed back", the more responsive the Post will be to member needs. Schedule of events, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are given elsewhere in this newsletter. As summer activities are being enjoyed, take time and let your leadership team:

Officers, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and committee chairpersons hear from you.

Raffles / Sweepstake / Money:

This was a topic in last month's (July 2002) Newsletter. The question relating to holding raffles/sweepstakes was presented. Members were asked for their comments. We have had comments from the officers, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and two members as of the time of this writing.

Perhaps I needed to have stated a dollar amount that I believe is needed to that project under consideration. My estimate is \$40,000.00 to get started and to finance the rest that we can pay off over a 10 to 15 year period. These are my estimates only. What I'm asking for is to hear from more members before proceeding. Member comments and commitment are needed as we proceed with considerations regarding this project. Please share with me your experiences and ideas as we proceed in this year of service. Thanks!

Call the office at (719) 599-8624, my home phone number: (719) 531-0546 or e-mail: timebird@juno.com to contact me.

Rocky Mountain Navy 227th Navy Ball

Bill Marshall

Post 209 has received an invitation to the ball, Friday, 4 Oct. 2002 at the Sheraton Hotel in Colorado Springs. Cost: E-6 and below \$20: E-7 - O-3 \$35: all others \$42. For more information please contact me ASAP, Bill Marshall, 495-0088 or email WMarsh6869@aol.com. Navy plays AFA on Saturday, 5 Oct and a limited number of tickets are available at \$30 each. The sooner we make a reservation the better seating we will get. GO NAVY, BEAT AIR FORCE AND ARMY!!!!!!

Post 209 Officers

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Senior Vice Commander	Norm Moyer
Junior Vice Commander	Greg Andries
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Historian	Bill Marshall
Sgt-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Thomas Morant
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas

Dues \$ 30.00

Auxiliary Officers

President	Dorothy Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sgt-at-Arms	Ruth Hornik

Dues \$ 15.00

Meetings

Post Executive Meeting – 1st Thursday –
6:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104.

Post General Meeting – 3rd Thursday
7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051,
430 East Pikes Peak Avenue.

Auxiliary General Membership Meeting
Not held during the summer months.

Board of Trustees

Chairman (3 yr.)	Neal Thomas
Secretary (2 yr.)	Alton Cyriaque
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
3 year	Larry Johnson
2 year	Francis Redington
1 year	Ann Foster

Meets on the 1st Thursday after
Executive Committee Meeting

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Membership Eligibility

World War I
April 6, 1917 – 11 November 1918

World War II
December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

Korean War
June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955

Vietnam War
February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975

Grenada & Lebanon
August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984

Panama
December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf
August 2, 1990 – Until the end of Hostilities as set by
Congress

Standing Committees

The following are the committees and the chairperson with
their telephone numbers.

Planning/Budget and Public Relations – Chuck Zeitvogel
719-531-0546

Membership – Norm Moyer 719-392-3725

Program/Social – Greg Andries 719-636-3346

Americanism/Youth/Scouting/Jr. ROTC and Marksmanship
– Francis Redington 719-471-3925

Boys State and Oratorical Contest – Bill Marshal
719-495-0088

Legislative and National Security – Neal Thomas 719-392-
1510

Veterans Affairs – Tom Morant

Rehabilitation – Howard Hornik 719-596-6345

(Club) Land Use, Care, Development – Greg Andries 719-
636-3346

Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution and By Laws Review and Update – Neal
Thomas, 719-392-1510

Property Inventory
Office – Ann Foster 719-599-8624
Storage – Larry Johnson 719-622-0344

Donations Requests - Neal Thomas 719-392-1510

Auxiliary Liaison: (Open)

Sons of the American Legion Liaison: Larry Johnson 719-
622-0344

Bingo: Greg Andries 719-636-3346



**From The Commander
Chuck Zeltvogel
(continued)**

Post 209 Representation at Department Convention

Nine delegates from Centennial Post 209 attended and participated in The American Legion Department of Colorado Convention held June 20 – 23, 2002. It was interesting in many respects. "The Resolutions Committee considered 24 resolutions during the convention. One of the resolutions approved was to consolidate the "Colorado Legionnaire" with the "American Legion Observer" and to publish the "Legionnaire" portion of the new publication four (4) times a year: August, November, February, and May. The complete list of all approved resolutions will be published in the August edition of the new "Legionnaire" and will be published on the Web page: www.coloradolegion.org". The preceding information was taken from the Department of Colorado Bulletin, dated July 10, 2002.

"New Fitzsimons Nursing Home"

The brand new Colorado State Veterans Nursing home on the grounds of Fitzsimons opened for business over the July 4th holiday. Thousands of people showed up to the dedication ceremony on July 3rd to hear Governor Owens, Aurora Mayor Paul Turner, and Congressman Tom Tancredo lavish praise on the new facility. We are looking for individual(s) who would like to represent the American Legion Department of Colorado at this nursing home in a VAVS capacity.

Responsibilities would be to visit the home on a regular basis, assess the needs of the residents, and allocate money available from the Department VA&R fund. If you are interested, contact the Department Adjutant or Department Commander. American Legion posts are also encouraged to get involved with this facility by making donations and volunteering time.

The Community Relations Director for the home is Audrey Krebs 720-857-4600. The preceding information was taken from the Department Bulletin, dated July 10, 2002



**From the Service Officer
Tom Morant**

ONLINE GULF WAR MEDICAL SITE LAUNCHED

The Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have launched an Internet site called Medsearch, as a central repository of Gulf War-related medical research. The goal of Medsearch's creators is to include all federally funded research into the illnesses of Gulf War veterans in one place. The site is indexed with plain language topic headings so that anyone can readily locate information. Headings include topics of particular interest to Gulf War veterans that may not be featured in other sources, such as pesticides and depleted uranium. Visit <http://www.GulfLINK.osd.mil/medsearch>.

NEW SOFTWARE TO SPEED VA CLAIMS

The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to release software late this summer that will help veterans' service organizations prepare claims on behalf of veterans.

Currently, VSO representatives with power of attorney can request medical records only in paper form from the VA. With the new software, they will be able to review medical information in the veteran's electronic record at VA health facilities. The software has incorporated two features to safeguard veterans' medical records. First, the software provides read-only access to medical files, so users will not be able to add, delete or modify any information in the veteran's medical record. Second, the software limits a user's access to the medical records of only those patients for whom the VSO representative holds a valid power of attorney.

Representatives will have access to information from all VA hospitals in which a veteran was treated.



From The Adjutant Ann Foster

We are into the 2003 membership drive and we are off to an excellent start. We have 30 renewals so far and 46 Paid-Up-For-Life or Permanent members for a grand total of 76. Our goal for 2003 is 297 based on our 2002 membership as of May 3rd, 2002, plus one member. Our current total is just a bit more than 25% of our goal. We did receive several awards at Department Convention for having achieved 105% of our 2002 goal by the Department cutoff date. I truly believe we can do better this coming year. This is an election year, so a healthy membership guarantees your voice will be heard at the national level.

Last month I mentioned we would be able to provide a Department Convention report. In the interest of space I will try to hit the highlights. The new Department Officers are: Commander Naamon Owens of Denver Post 87; Sr Vice Commander Doug Winters of Paonia Post 97; Jr Vice Commanders - Rick Padilla of Grand Junction Post 200, Ken Clason of Estes Park Post 119, J. R. Kent of Aurora Post 1992, Russ Michael of Security Post 38, Rick Friend of Pueblo Post 2, and Paul Grant of Denver Post 193; Finance Officer Paul Erickson of Arvada Post 161; Chaplain Tony McCrary of Lakewood Post 178; Historian Edward Mielkus of Castle Rock Post 1187; and Sgt-At-Arms Rudi Miller of Aurora Post 1992. In addition, Commander Owens has appointed Bob Epps of Aurora Post 87 as Department Photographer and J.R. Menke of Fountain Post 1960 and Ken Sargent of Golden Post 21 as Assistant Sgt-At-Arms. Joe Ross and Jeff Luginbuel remain as your National Executive Committeeman (NEC) and Alternate NEC respectively.

The Resolutions Committee considered 24 resolutions during the convention. Our own Barbara Nelson submitted one and it will be forwarded to the National Convention. The complete list of all approved resolutions will be published in the August edition of The American Legion Observer. You may also view them on the web page: www.coloradolegion.org.

National Commander candidate John Brieden was a special visitor and spoke to several concerns, but the main point was to learn what we do as an organization and tell people about it. We need to

pour ourselves into The American Legion! Together we can make a difference in all areas of concern to us as veterans helping veterans and their families, helping our children, helping our communities, etc.

Next year's Department Convention will be right here in Colorado Springs at the Sheraton Hotel on South Circle, 26 - 29 June 2003. Put these dates in your calendar now and it will be very easy for you to attend.

The keynote speaker, Major General Patrick Brady, spoke to us Saturday night at the banquet. He shared many interesting facts regarding the Citizens Flag Amendment. The one I was not aware of was that both James Madison and Thomas Jefferson were against burning the American flag in protest. He also pointed out that such an act is not speech. Neither the American Legion nor I will tell you how to believe. However, it might prove worthwhile to continue your education on this subject, so that your own decision about how you feel is based on fact rather than emotion.

Department Commander Owens has selected the following theme for his year in office: UPA standing for Unity, Pride, and Achievement. His special project for the year will be homeless veterans.

Veteran's Forum

Penrose House, 1661 Mesa Ave. (behind the Broadmoor) Tuesday, November 5, 2002 @ 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. A global picture of the current benefits and programs available to retirees, veterans and their spouses, survivors and dependents will be presented. Topics of discussion will include the VA Healthcare system, State Veteran Nursing Homes, Adult Services, Social Security benefits, TriCare benefits and general VA benefits. Seating is limited to the first 100 veterans, survivors, or dependents. We ask that if you have attended one of our prior forums, that you allow others who have not been able to attend to do so. Please RSVP by Friday, November 1st at 444-5625 to reserve a seat.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Calendar Of Events

- 1 Aug Post Executive Meeting,
4291 Austin Bluffs Pkway
Ste104, 6:30 P.M.
- Board of Trustees Meeting to
be conducted after Exec. Mtg.
- 12 Aug Deadline for RSVP for the
Centennial 209 Picnic at
Palmer Park.
- 15 Aug NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING.
- 18 Aug Centennial 209 Annual Picnic,
Palmer Park, on the corner of
Maizeland and Academy from
11:00 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.
- 5 Sep Post Executive Meeting,
4291 Austin Bluffs Pkway
Ste104, 6:30 P.M.
- Board of Trustees Meeting to
be conducted after Exec. Mtg.
- 7 Sep All Patient Day Activities at
Pueblo State Veterans Nursing
Home (see info elsewhere)
- 11 Sep Patriot Day – A day to
remember. Let the bells toll at
12:00 P.M. for the Victims of
9-11-01.
- 18 Sep Post General Membership
Meeting, 430 E. Pikes Peak
Ave, 7:00 P.M. Millicent
Young, will speak to the
membership about her
experiences as a WASP
- 24 Aug Retiree Appreciation Day AFA
8:00 am till Noon
- 2 Oct Annual Veterans Stand Down
at the City Auditorium,

221 East Kiowa St. 10:00 am
to 6:00 pm

- 3 Oct Post Executive Meeting,
4291 Austin Bluffs Pkway
Ste104, 6:30 P.M.
- Board of Trustees Meeting to
be conducted after Exec. Mtg.
- 4 Oct Navy Ball Dinner and Dance
(see article elsewhere)
- 5 Oct Navy vs. Air Force Game (see
article elsewhere)
- 17 Oct Post Executive Meeting,
4291 Austin Bluffs Pkway
Ste 104, 6:30 P.M.
- 19 Oct District Fall Conference and
Department Officers visitation
7:00 P.M. tentative.
- 31 Oct Deadline to be an EARLY
BIRD. Get your RENEWAL in.
- Halloween – Let's watch out
for the kids and adults!



**From The Sr. Vice Cdr.
Norm Moyer**

UMET

Many of today's veterans leave the military with skills and experience qualifying them sometimes with little or no additional training, for comparable civilian occupations requiring a license or certificate of competency. UMET provides: Service members and veterans with important information on how to obtain licenses and certificates and employers with information about how to access former military personnel with specialized skills. Site located on the Internet at www.umet-vets.dol.gov Article from the Am. Leg. Observer



**From The Jr. Vice Cdr.
Greg Andries**

CENTENNIAL POST ANNUAL PICNIC

WHEN: Sunday, 18 August 2002

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

WHERE: Palmer Park, located at the corner of Academy and Maizeland. We have reserved the Meadowlands picnic area near the kids' playground.

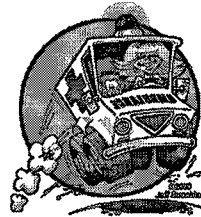
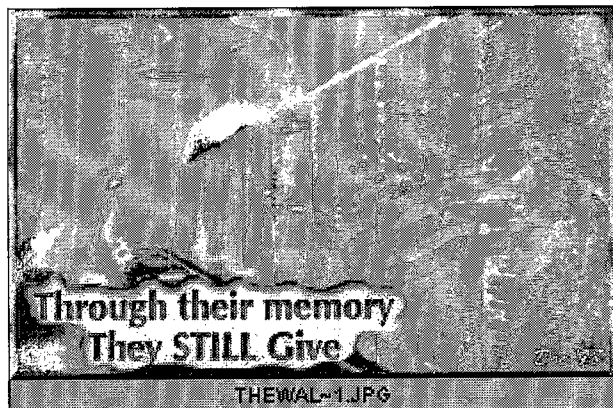
Come out and enjoy a relaxing picnic and activities such as volleyball, horseshoes, badminton and friendly discussions with friends that you know or you make.

MENU: Centennial 209 will provide meats (pork ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs and brats), condiments, buns and sodas.

All we ask is that you bring your favorite dish and make enough to share with at least 10 others.

PLEASE CALL NORM MOYER AT 719-392-3725 OR CELL 719-332-3701 OR GREG ANDRIES 719-636-3346 and let us know how many total will be in your party and how many of those will be children attending – by August 12th.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!!!



Sick Call

It has been reported that J. P. "LADY HAWK" Freeman is at the Health South Rehab, room 208. 6455 N Union Blvd. If you have some extra time, she will enjoy your company. Just make sure you identify yourself as a member of Centennial 209.



Post Everlasting

At the General membership meeting 18 July the following Legionnaires were reported as transferring to Post Everlasting: William Ralston, John Garver, Robert Mc Kowan and Richard Heim

If you are sick or if you know of someone who is under the weather, or in the hospital, or has passed away, please call Howard Hornik at 719-596-6345. Information needs to be in the editor's hands by the 2nd Friday of every month for inclusion in the newsletter.

Something to think about

A man is driving down a country road, when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass.

He pulls the car over to the side of the road and notices that the farmer is just standing there, doing nothing, looking at nothing. The man gets out of the car, walks all the way out to the farmer and asks him, "Excuse me mister, but what are you doing?"

The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize."

"How?" asks the man, puzzled.

"Well I heard they give the Nobel Prize to people who are out standing in their field."

Veterans Stand Down

Larry Johnson

The annual Veterans Stand down is scheduled for 2 October 2002 at the Colorado Springs Civic Auditorium located at 221 E. Kiowa Street from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition is looking for blue jeans, underwear, socks and t-shirts and of course money and VOLUNTEERS for this event.

If you have blue jeans you can't wear and they are not torn, please consider donating them for this worthwhile event.

If you would like to donate money, please make the check out to the El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition and send it the Harry Johnson at 4045 Haven Lane, Colorado Springs, Co 80917. If you would like to volunteer, please call Harry Johnson at 719-596-9261 or Larry Johnson at 719-622-0344.

Your help in any way is greatly appreciated. It is a rewarding experience for both the supporters of this event as well as the recipients. Make a big difference in someone's life. Support the Stand Down.

Department of Veterans Affairs Southern Colorado Healthcare System

The 33rd Annual All Patients' Activities Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002. Post 209 will be sponsoring a penny pitch booth at this time. We are in need of volunteers to show support of our Veterans by giving of their time or donations of money or prizes.

All volunteers are to register from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Pueblo VA Nursing Home at 2600 Oakshire Boulevard in Pueblo. Tours will be available in the morning.

Lunch will be provided and volunteers may assist in serving the meal and may sit with the patients while they eat.

Escorts will be needed to assist with escorting patients to lunch and the carnival.

Booth Prizes will be needed for 50-60 patients who will participate at each booth. Donations can be made by contacting Greg Andries at 636-3346. Leave a message of your name, number so that

arrangements can be made on where the donations can be delivered or picked up.

This fun VA activity will last from 9 a.m. until about 5 p.m. If you are unable to volunteer for the whole day, please let Greg know so we can have lots of help there at all times. The more the merrier! Volunteers are needed to help with setting up and disassembling the Carnival booths, escorting patients for lunch and games, and having a great time. Supper will be served for Veterans, Volunteers, and Guests at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Greg Andries, 636-3346.



**From The Commander
Chuck Zeltvegel
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My dictionary defines benefactor as, "One who gives financial or other aid." My question to you is: do you know of someone who would be a benefactor for our American Legion Post 209. In my efforts to convince our Board of Directors to approve the construction of a building on the lot we own, their question to me continues to be, "How will we pay for it?"

Allow me to be so bold as to suggest that perhaps other than bingo, raffles or sweepstakes we may know of individuals or other entities that would like to be, and would be willing to be, benefactors for us to build a building on our lot. Whereas, a complete Post home may not be feasible with costs running from \$400,000 and up, perhaps we might shoot for something more modest such as a building that could be used just as an office. In this regard, my rough estimate would be that the costs would be much less, such as \$150,000 to \$200,000 in construction costs.

Therefore, please check with your friends and acquaintances asking if they would know of anyone or an entity that would be willing to be a benefactor to our Post 209 for the designated purpose of constructing a building on our lot. Thanks. Contact me by mail at our Post address or e-mail me at timebird@juno.com

Women's Health Care Program

Eligible women veterans can receive their Primary, GYN, and Mental Health Care through our excellent Women's Health Care Program. Linda Rawers, Family Nurse Practitioner, coordinates the program. For more information, please contact Linda at (303) 399-8020 ext.2467.

From the American Legion Observe