



American Legion

Centennial Post 209

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FELLOW LEGIONAIRES:

ITEM 1:

ONE TIME CHANGE - Our next meeting will be on Monday, 15 December 1980 at 7:30 P.M. at the DAV Home - 2101 Willamette. This is to allow initiation of new members who cannot make our regular Thursday night meetings. Let's have a good turnout for this one. After meeting . . . "Libations" are available.

ITEM 2:

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I inform you of the death of our comrade, John Buchnan. John was 100% disabled and didn't make our meetings but he assisted on our telephone committee. He died on 4 December 1980 and was buried on Saturday, 6 December.

ITEM 3:

Bud Eberhart informs me that we have 46 members to our quota of 60. We also have a transfer bringing paid up membership to 47 - only 14 shy. I plead with all of you 209 Legionaires out there to renew your membership. All it takes is a \$12.00 check made payable to Post 209, American Legion. I'll see that the necessary papers are completed and you get your renewal card. Even if you can't make meetings we need your support to keep going. We're working to make our post something you will be proud of. Please renew now.

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ITEM 4:

We can still use help with Bingo. Even if you can only be a filler when we're short of people would help. John Kovar has done yeoman's labor on trying to keep this operation together and although we're not getting rich from our share we are adding to our savings.

ITEM 5:

It doesn't appear that we will have an Oratory Contest this year - at least not at Post level. Mitchell may have two contestants and if so I'll take both of them to the District Contest which I will run also. Post 5 didn't appoint an Oratory Chairman this year, but they asked me contact St. Mary's, Harrison and Benet Hill. St. Mary's doesn't have a contestant and as of this writing I am waiting for a return of my call to the other two schools.

ITEM 6:

We are very grateful to the DAV for letting us use their home for our meetings. This whole atmosphere is more conducive to a spirit of fraternity.

ITEM 7:

Refer to ITEM 1 - Commander Chuck Whitaker of District 7 will be at our meeting so let's make a good showing.

ITEM 8:

You have bestowed a great honor on me by selecting me as your Commander. The responsibilities are great because we've got to maintain a presence in the community. It's a lot of work for six men but it would be just a little work for 60 people.

ITEM 9:

We're at that time of year when the rush of Holiday activities is almost overwhelming. The commercialism far out shadows the spirituality of this season but let us all give thanks that we are Americans - and even with the world as screwed up as it is we can still say sincerely - Have a Merry Christmas with your loved ones and may the New Year bring you peace of mind and a willingness to respect your fellow man.

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Max Hoyer
Commander

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