



American Legion

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Item 1: Our next meeting, the last for 1982, will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, 21 Dec. 1982, at the Retired Enlisted Association (REA) Club located directly east (to the rear) of Ent Federal Credit Union just off Murray Blvd. It is directly across the street from the United Parcel Service (UPS) terminal. Post 209 always meets the third Tuesday of each month at that time and place whether you receive a newsletter or not. Mark your calendar and be a regular attendee. The post needs your support.

Item 2: IMPORTANT! Please read and comply. The raffle for which you received chances is going to be held on Wednesday, 22 Dec. at 9:00 PM, at the Germania Club Bingo Hall, 2801 N. El Paso Street. It is imperative that you mail in or otherwise deliver to Norm Avery, myself, or anyone working the Bingo, money and chance ticket stubs along with any unsold chances (both parts) you may have NOW. The stubs must be in the raffle bin in time for the drawing. The unsold tickets must be accounted for back to the Secretary of State. The money must be deposited and accounted for in a separate bank account to comply with state gambling regulations. Please cooperate and do your part so that we can comply with all the regulations affecting a raffle. Do it now so you don't forget. Thanks to all of you it appears our chance sales are going well. Thanks to our donors we have some very attractive prizes that didn't cost us anything.

Item 3: As we are well aware, the price of land is never going to be cheaper than it is now. Because of this fact, the Post is being advised to look around for a

piece of property that can be used either as an investment to be traded later for a more desirable property on which to build our own Post home or as the land on which to build or to trade for a piece of developed property suitable for conversion to a Post home. Tied to such a transaction must be a loose agreement that will allow the Post flexibility to meet payments within its means and without placing an overwhelming obligation on those members of the Post willing to invest in the initial acquisition of such a piece of property. This is a very big decision for the Post to make and deserves the input of all members. Let's hear from all of you. Come to the meeting.

Item 4: If you have not renewed your membership for the 1982-83 Legion year, please do so now. We would like to make our goal not later than 7 Jan. 1983 and we need all of you to re-up. Don't forget that dues are \$18.00. Also, we must keep up our recruiting for new members. We can't afford to become stagnant. And, again a reminder to all of you of the Colorado Permanent Membership Plan. I will send you details on request. It locks in your membership and it can be paid in installments.

Item 5: When we look back over our shoulders and visualize our accomplishments in 1982, we can be rather proud. We've got money in the bank that we hardly thought possible two years ago. We are thinking in terms of a Post home of our own. We have a good Bingo working relationship that adds to our coffers. We have just started a raffle series that if it proves successful will further enhance our financial position. And, now we are in the holiday period looking toward the start of a brand new year. I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support you have given me and for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me your Commander. May the Almighty look favorably on each of you, your families, your loved ones.

I wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and all the best of good fortune in this coming year. May God support us and maintain the integrity of this great country of ours. It will only survive with His nurturing and with our undying faith in the institutions of the United States of America instilled in us through our service in its armed forces in peace and in war.

For God and Country,



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