



# Centennial Post 209

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Commanders Comments:

**ITEM 1:** Our meeting on 17 November was one of the best and most productive gathering this Post has ever experienced. We had several new faces in attendance and the discussion was lively but to the point. I'd like to invite our Legionnaires to assemble about a half hour before the meeting begins to shake a few hands, introduce yourselves and have a bit of refreshment if you are so inclined. This serves to break the ice and develop a sense of belonging to an active, convivial group sharing a common sense of comradeship. We normally take a 10/15 minute break where again we meet as friends and refresh ourselves. On completion of our business, we can once more meet in a spirit of enjoyment and relaxation.

**ITEM 2:** POST HOME LEASE. Shortly after completing the last newsletter and getting it ready for repro I received our new lease contract from the Landlord corporation. I am happy to report that the contract is very generous to US and the two requests we made were included in our contract. The contract is effective 1 December 1988 and there is a provision that should we not obtain a Liquor License within one (1) year we have the option of reviewing our commitment without prejudice. We can't ask for more than that.

**ITEM 3:** Liquor License. John Kovar is revising our application and it should be completed shortly for submission to the proper authorities.

**ITEM 4.** Bingo. Attached to this newsletter is a summary of our past efforts and future needs in this area. Please read it and offer your assistance. All that we have accomplished in the 14 years of our existence as a viable Legion Post is attributable to the small group that has sustained us in our only fund raising activity. WE need the support of each and everyone of you. Please respond.

ITEM 5: CHRISTMAS PARTY. In lieu of a regular monthly meeting on Thursday, ~~DEC. 15~~ it was agreed that we have a Christmas Party on that night. It will be a "COVERED DISH" affair open to all our membership and their families. The Post will supply the main meat dishes and the general membership would provide a sampling of their side-dish specialties. That would include hors d'oeuvres, canapes, starch dishes (potatoes, rice, etc) breads, dips, vegies, cookies, desserts, relishes, and whatever you feel will fit with this festive occasion. You are not asked to feed a whole crowd but to bring something, come anyway. We want you to share the spirit of our Post. Larry Johnson our Senior Vice Commander will have more on this so read on. The Post Home will be open from 6 PM to prepare everything for serving.

ITEM 6: CLEAN-UP/FIX-UP. In view of item 5 above there will be a general work party to prepare the Post Home for this gala event on Saturday 10 December beginning at 10:30 AM. We've got a lot of clean-up left to do and I'd like to see some Auxiliary members also, as we're going to need their help in proper arrangement.

A final thought --- May God bless you all during this Holiday Season. We have all experienced difficulties, had our heartbreaks and our good fortunes. The world is not an easy place and no one ever said that it would be. Give thanks for the blessing of life and render every assistance you can to those less fortunate than yourself.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

*Max*  
MAX HOYER  
COMMANDER

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND SAFE NEW YEAR.

FROM THE ADJUTANT

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party on 15 December 1988.

If you haven't renewed your membership please do so now.

THOMAS BENDER  
ADJUTANT

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Commander and the members of this Post to welcome the following new members to Post 209.

PAUL H. BLINKINSSOP  
L. DAVID PATTERSON  
MICHAEL LEE

GENE FELMMING  
SAMUEL WHITE  
DOUGLAS W. BACHMAN

I would like to personally invite these new members and all members of the Post out to the CHRISTMAS PARTY that will be held on the 15th of December 1988 at the POST HOME LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY, This is located in the Rustic Hills South Mall, south of Dave Cook Sporting Store.

During the meeting in November we reported a membership of 127 for Legion year 1988-1989. We are at just about 50 percent of our membership goal for 1989 and we are behind the other Posts within our District.

Now is the time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. This is extremely important if you have signed up for the free \$ 1,000.00 accidental life insurance policy through the American Legion Life Insurance Program. If your membership is received at the National Organization by the December 31, 1988 your life insurance will continue without a break. If you don't renew until after the beginning of the new year you will have to refile in order to receive this benefit. So please don't let this ~~flap~~ lapse; renew now and there are no worries.

As Commander Hoyer indicated earlier in his letter, there will be a Christmas Party on the 15th of December at the Post Home. In order to get ready for this event we have called a work day at the Post Home for the 10th of December. In addition to the work day, I have made plans to have our first annual Christmas Tree Decorating party. This will commence at 1:00 PM. If there is anyone who would like to come down and help decorate the Christmas Tree and the Post Home please do so. This is a family affair and kids are welcome.. This will also offer you an opportunity to see the Post Home and meet some of the members. I am trying to arrange for some type of entertainment for the Christmas Party but I still don't have all of the information. This will be a covered dish with everyone being asked to bring some type of dish or snack, if you require some more information on this please feel free to call me at 574-0646 and I will gladly answer your questions.

Some other activities that are in the works are:

Initiation of new members: This is a formal ceremony where the new members are brought into the fold of the American Legion and given a Certificate of Initiation, a Label Pin, a Copy of the Post Constitution and By-Laws and a Copy of the Flag Etiquette book. This is being planned for a weekend in January 1989.

February and March a committee will be appointed to pick candidates for officers within the Post for Legion Year 1989-1990. If anyone is wondering how we do this come to the meeting and we will impart this information.

During the Month of May will be the Installation of Officers Banquet. In the past we have conducted this event at the Air Force Academy at the NCO Club. This is where we install the officers for the upcoming year.

## From the Bingo Committee

Our revenues from BINGO are truly the money lifeblood of our Post. Without the BINGO revenues we would still be trying to operate on the poverty level. YOU can now look around our Post Club House and see the tangible benefits which the BINGO revenues have provided.

To make this possible we have a few---very few---old, faithful, reliable BINGO workers. To them goes the glory and agony of carrying the burden of making possible the money we get from BINGO. Very few new faces have appeared to take over from those who have attributed from the workers ranks. Unfortunately, our old workers are dwindling in numbers and even those who can work regularly find it necessary to take off for R & R now and then.

We need to form teams of BINGO workers in order to follow orderly scheduling of our people and to give our old reliable a break now and then. If we do not receive commitments from about 20 persons soon, we are in serious danger of having to cancel our games for lack of workers. In the forthcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons we know that several of our regular workers will be going on vacation. At the present time we do not have sufficient names to fill the vacancies which will exist.

We urgently need 20 or more Post/Auxiliary members who will volunteer to become part of a Bingo Workers Team. If you can spare <sup>ONE</sup> or more <sup>FRIDAY</sup> nights a month for your Post please call one of the following persons:

Max Hoyer	Commander	597-3498
JOHN KOVAR	Bingo Chairman	632-7866
DAVE THOMAS	Ass't Bingo Chairman	391-1036

**AUXILIARY CORNER...DECEMBER 1988**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT :**

**Hello Ladies ,**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Auxiliary members and their families best wishes for the Holidays and hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party of 15 December 1988.

Margery Johnson  
President

**FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT**

I am sure this great weather has contributed to the large percentage of members at both the Post and Auxiliary meetings. Speaking of great weather, eight of us piled into the American Legion Van and crossed Wolf Creek and Le Veta Pass, with nice clear roads and sunshine all the way, to attend the Homecoming for Department President Patsi Hart on November 19th. It was an enjoyable time for all.

Last month we had District 7 Visitations. District President Mary Miller and her officers were here. She informed us of many needs of the veterans and Children and Youth Programs. Helen Heit brought lots of homemade butter cookies that were enjoyed by the Unit, Guests, and Post Members. Thanks, Helen, they were delicious! We had two delegates attend the Mid-Winter Conference November 4 thru 6, Maria Sandoval and Margery Johnson. Margery gave a report of the happenings. The Auxiliary Chairpersons, were dressed in costumes pertaining to their chairmanships. It was a festive time for all.

Our Treasurer, Flossie Reese, stated she had sent out renewal notices to those whose memberships were not turned in. Membership turned-in at the meeting brought our Unit up to 18 members, which makes almost 90% of our goal, CONGRATULATIONS, YOU RE DOING GREAT !!Another exciting event took place at the meeting. Following the submittal to the Post last month for our proposed budget for the 1988-1989 year, the Legionnaires voted at the November meeting to grant this request for the amount of money requested and presented our unit with a donation in that amount at our meeting. Vice President June turned the donation over to Flossie Reese to be placed in our treasury. A round of applause was given in behalf of the Legion. We appreciate the faith they have shown in behalf of our progress. We also thank all the Auxiliary ladies for their hard work at the Friday night Bingo Games. It is your endeavoring to support the Post that has made this possible!

DOES YOUR NAME APPEAR HERE. IF IT DOES I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY SINCERE  
THANK-YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR 1989 MEMBERSHIP WITH CENTENNIAL POST 209.

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ARTHUR L. BRANDT  
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THOMAS F. CORRIGAN  
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WILLIAM R. HARTSELL  
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LARRY L. JOHNSON  
NED KELLER  
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FRANCIS M. LANDRY  
WALLACE LONISIGNER  
THOMAS J. MC ARDLE  
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RONALD W. NELSEN  
LEONARD PEGUES  
LYNN D. PORTER  
CHARLES R. RUSS  
FREDERICK W. SCHROEDER  
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\* INDICATES NEW LEGIONNAIRES WHO JOINED IN 1989

In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, including our Standing Rules and Order; and due to the absence of our current President, the Vice President has appointed Margery Johnson as Unit President for the remainder of this Auxiliary year and Hilda Pifer to the post of Secretary of this Unit to replace that vacancy. We will miss Rebecca Burrell-Wood, who is still a member in good standing and look forward to her return to this unit.

See you at the next meeting, The Third Thursday in December, which will be our Pot-Luck Christmas Party. Ladies, don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share. Those ladies who are not now members, this is a good time to come along with your husbands and, just maybe, you may want to join us in our plight to help the veteran's needs. Come, one and all, join us in a Christmas Celebration!

June Thomas  
Vice President

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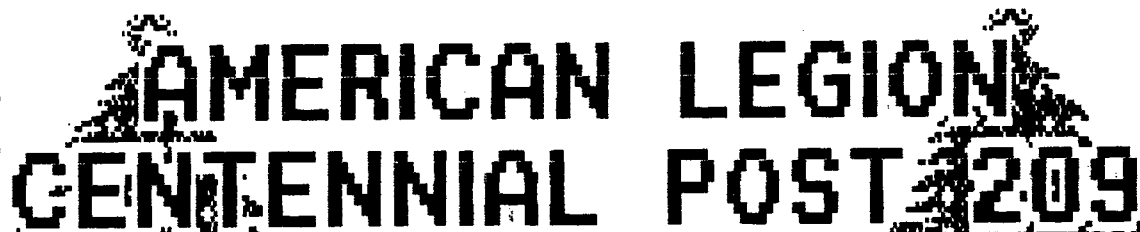
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR POST 209

- 10 DECEMBER 1988 Post Clean-up and Decoration of Post Home. The FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 1:00 PM. ALL INTERESTED SHOULD COME AND HELP DECORATE THE TREE.
- 15 DECEMBER 1988 NO REGULAR MEETING AT THE POST HOME, HOWEVER COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE POST MEMBERS AND GUESTS LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD. POST WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT. THIS IS A COVERED DISH AFFAIR WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO PLEASE BRING A DISH
- 15 JANUARY 1989 District Seven Meeting, POST 209, LOCATED IN THE RUSTIC HILLS MALL SOUTH, ACADEMY BLVD, AND PALMER PARK
- 19 JANUARY 1989 Regular Post meeting at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM.
- 5 February 1989 Oratorical Contest, Post Completion date,  
12 February 1989 Oratorical Contest, District Completion date,  
19 February 1989 Oratorical Contest, Area Completion date,  
26 February 1988 Oratorical Contest, Department Contest,
- 15 FEBRUARY 1989 Regular Post meeting at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM. Appointment of Selection Committee for Post Officers for Upcoming year.
- 16 MARCH 1989 Regular Post meeting at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM. Come out and meet and visit with the District Commander and the Officers of District Seven
- 12 MARCH 1989 District Seven Meeting, Post 5, 15 East Platte Avenue
- 20 APRIL 1989 Regular Post meeting at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM. Election of Post Officers for upcoming year
- 18 MAY 1989 Regular Post meeting at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM.  
  
Installation of Post Officers. Place to be announced
- 28 MAY 1989 District Convention, Post 38  
6685 Southmoor Drive. Security Registration 12:30,  
Meeting starts 1:00 PM. Elections of District Officers
- 22-25 JUNE 1989 Department Convention, Sterling,
- 3-5 NOVEMBER 1989 Department Mid-Year Conference in Denver, Place to be to be announced later.





**AMERICAN LEGION  
CENTENNIAL POST 209**

**INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

**WHAT: X-MAS PARTY**

**WHEN: 15 DEC 88**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**WHERE: POST HOME**

**PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH**

**LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD  
ACADEMY BLVD AND PALMER PARK**

**POINT OF CONTACT:  
LARRY L. JOHNSON 574-0646**

**SEE YOU THERE**



Music of the  
Nineties, now  
available in the  
Eighties.

Tasteful,  
yet weird.

Hello. This is  
the Bobs.

The American Legion  
Centennial Post 209  
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Colo. Springs, CO 80909