

# CENTENNIAL POST 209

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

DECEMBER 1998



"Tis the season to be jolly." The beginning of a song which fits the beginning of the Holiday Season.

We cannot be jolly when there are families and children in our community who need our help.

Toward this end, the immediate Past Commander, Harry McFadden, with the help of Senior Vice Commander Francis Redington, have received money from the Post and empowered to help however many families and children that they can. They will be providing some holiday food and gifts for children. I would like to ask your help -- if you can spare some non-perishable food and even the time to help deliver these baskets, we would greatly appreciate your help. If you know of a family in need of some cheer and help, please feel free to call me at 590-1369 and I will pass this information on.

We will not have a General Membership Meeting in December but

will resume our General meetings in January 1999.

I find myself having to offer a couple of apologies. First of all we had a slight problem in getting the newsletter for November out...but we did get it out. The second is that there were a number of Legionnaires who received a second or possibly three renewal notices when they have already renewed their membership. I hope there wasn't any inconvenience as a result of this. I am in the process of checking the membership roster and those Legionnaires who have sent in duplicate dues will be receiving their checks back. I thank you for your understanding.

I received a letter from the Department of Colorado concerning the new initiative of the National Organization regarding having all of the membership turned in by 31 December. We are going great guns in regard to our membership program but as always I could use your help. We currently have 205 Legionnaires who have renewed their membership. We need 116 more to achieve hundred percent of goal.

I know that some of you wait until January of every year to renew but there are some consequences which

### OFFICERS

COMMANDER	LARRY JOHNSON
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DUES \$25.00

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	ANITA MCEADDEN
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	JUDITH MCEADDEN
SGT AT ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

### MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.  
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD

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DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

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### 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  
Croatia & Lebanon  
Aug 24, 1982 - Jul 31, 1984  
Panama  
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990  
Persian Gulf  
Aug 2, 1990 until the  
END OF HOSTILITIES

### Post Commander cont'd

happen if your membership is not in to National by 31 December.

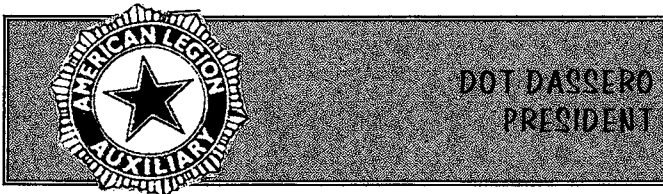
The most important one is that if you elected to have the free \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment, it will expire 31 December unless your membership renewal is in National by that date. If you renew after 31 December, you will have to fill out a new form and beneficiary designation and mail back to National. The second is that your subscription to the National magazine may be out already or it will expire December 31. Then it takes about three months to get back on the subscription list.

I would like to ask your support in moving Centennial Post 209 to the forefront of The American Legion and the State of Colorado. Please take the time to renew your membership with The American Legion and Centennial Post 209. We have been there before and there is absolutely nothing

standing in the way to once again assume our position of leadership. All we need is YOUR help.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Christmas Party on the 19th of December. Junior Vice Commander Harry Johnson has put together a very fine evening for your pleasure. What better way to meet old friends and make new ones. Come on our and enjoy the evening.

I would like to wish all Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Sons of the American Legion members a very safe and joyous Holiday Season. I hope that you receive all of your wishes and dreams. Finally, I hope everyone has a really fabulous 1999 and that good fortune befalls each and every one of us.



The Auxiliary is meeting the December 31 deadline in renewal of memberships as set by the Department of Colorado. However, we would like to be 100% in membership by the January 29 date of the Mid-Year Conference at the Holiday Inn in Colorado Springs. There will be more information on the Conference in the January Newsletter but send your renewals in now...help us make 100%.

While I was absent from the Early Bird Dinner, I hear it was very successful and a good time was had by all. Now we are looking forward to the annual Christmas party and hoping to see you there.

The Auxiliary voted to participate in a program at the Florence Nursing Home. Bath ponchos are being made for the patients at a cost of \$20.00. We contributed the funds for eight of the ponchos.

We enjoyed a visit from District Officers at our last meeting. District President Liz Wieggers brought one of the ponchos to show us how nice they look. Other District Officers in attendance were Carolyn Shaver, Betty Andrews and, of course, our own Judy McFadden and myself. Liz was pleased to learn that all of our required assessments have been made and at the many donations which our Auxiliary has been able to make.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!

PAST COMMANDER HARRY MCFADDEN

Post 209 has budgeted the money to supply Christmas baskets for needy families. If you have knowledge of such a family, we would appreciate your calling the Post (599-8624) and leaving the information. If there are children in the family ages through thirteen, we will provide some gifts as well as baskets of food. Your assistance in this is needed and we will appreciate your response. Receiving this information before December 19 will be appreciated.

The Auxiliary and Senior Vice Commander Francis Redington will be assisting to make this a Happy Christmas for some veterans and their families.



Making a List of  
things to do and  
checking it twice.

## Attend the Post's Annual Christmas Party.

19 December 1998, VFW Post 4051, located on Pikes Peak Avenue. Starts with Happy Hour at 6:30 P.M. with Dinner and a Dance to follow.

Dinner will consist of Turkey, Ham, Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, and a dessert. etc.

The dinner is free to Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members. Non-members a small cost of \$6.00 for dinner and \$6.00 for the dance will be collected.

We ask that if you are going to attend please give The Commander Larry Johnson a call 590-1369 or Harry Johnson at 596-9261 and give us the number in your party.

We need to know by the 13th of December in order to insure we have enough food for your pleasure.

The name of the Band is the Magnificent Duo who will be playing a variety of music for your dancing and listening pleasure.

**I hope to see all of you there !!**

**Merry Christmas Happy New Year**