



THE AMERICAN LEGION - CENTENNIAL POST 209
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NEWSLETTER - December 2003

Happy Holidays

The Board of Trustees & Executive Committee extend Holiday Greetings to all in our American Legion Family. May good health and peace be with you and yours.

Update on Lot Development/Sale.

Several offers have been received for our Post 209 lot. Action and responses to these offers are pending due to the lack of having a quorum at the General Membership meetings. In put from a quorum of members at meetings is needed for the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee to know what the membership desires.

Constitution & Bylaws

The November 2003 newsletter indicated a vote would be taken at the November 20th regular General Membership meeting to amend the current Bylaws of the Post's Constitution. The purpose was to change the Bylaw requirement stating that: **"10% of the membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a regular or special meeting."**

Sixteen (16) members were present at the November 20th regular General Membership Meeting. Twenty-nine (29) members were needed to be to have a quorum of 10%.

Please note that Post 209 Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, states:

"This Constitution may be amended at any regular post meeting by vote of two-thirds of this (the) members present and voting, providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular post meeting, and providing further that written notice shall have been given to all post members at least ten days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying such members that such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon."

Attendance records show that the 10% quorum requirement has been met twice in 1991, once in 1992, and once in 1993. And, not once since based on a projected membership of 285.

Obviously, this is not a good showing! It is most difficult, and frustrating, to operate as a member directed Post when a quorum of members is not present at meetings. It therefore, seemed logical to make a change in the Bylaws as to what would constitute a quorum at meetings.

The proposed amendment was presented and read at the October 2003 regular General Membership meeting, and notice was give to members via the November 2003 newsletter. Thus meeting Post 209 Constitution & Bylaws requirements.

Discussions were held at the November 20th meeting to change the requirement for a quorum from 10% to 4% or 5%. Agreement was not reached and the proposed amendment failed. Therefore, since the 16 members present did not constitute a quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

Post 209 is in somewhat of a quandary should members continue not to attend meetings. The Executive Committee is left to use their discretion in the conduct of the necessary business.

Comments & Questions

Constructive comments concerning changes to the Constitution & Bylaws are appreciated. Please contact the Post Commander at (719) 599-8624.

Also, attend membership meetings. It is most important that members do this. The Executive Committee is here to serve you, the membership.

Meeting Locations

An alternate location for General Membership meetings has not been found as of this writing. A committee studying this issue was formed several months ago with the thought that members would attend meetings at a different location and time. Members with ideas of where to hold General Membership meetings are urged to contact the Post Adjutant Ann Foster. Call (719) 599-8624

Election of New Post Officers

Election of Post officers is scheduled for April 2004. Term of office is from May 2004 through April 2005. (Per Article III of Post 209's Bylaws).

Nominating Committee Opportunity

This is a great opportunity for members! Serve on a Nominating Committee to elect officers for this coming Legion year. Elections are to take place in April 2004. Those elected are to serve from May 2004 through April 2005.

Please contact the office if you would like to serve on the nominating committee and leave a message. Should you rather, write a brief note and send it to the office with your name, address and phone number. Use the address shown in the letterhead when you write.

Nominations are needed in February for publication in the March 2004 newsletter.

Also, if you would like to submit a legionnaire's name for consideration by the nominating committee, please call or send it to the office for referral to the committee.

Nominations naturally will be accepted from the floor before the election in April, but it is preferable to have the names ahead of time.

Fund Raising

This topic has been addressed several times in the past to members via Post 209 newsletters. There continues to be a need for members to step forward and be part of this needed endeavor. Contact one of the Vice-Commanders or me to take part in what will be a major effort to raise funds this coming year. Everyone's enthusiastic support is needed for success in this fund raising effort.

Christmas Party/Office Open House.

You are invited to a Christmas Party "Pot Luck" Open House December 12th Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. in the Post 209 office. Bring a food item to share. Call the office and leave a message should you have questions.

Auxiliary Unit & Sons of The American Legion

2004 will be full of opportunities for The American Legion family. This includes Legionnaires, Auxiliary Unit members, and Sons of The American Legion.

The opportunities, in summary, include service to veterans, their families, and the active duty armed forces, as well as projects in our communities. We can do this.

Real success in meeting these goals depends on all of our active participation. Lets look forward to working with Post 209 Auxiliary Unit members, and reactivation of a Sons of the American Legion Squadron as part of Post 209.

Interested? Contact one of your Post or Unit officers. Be part of the efforts to achieve our American Legion

goals. More can be accomplished working together than on our own. The office address and telephone number are in the letterhead of this newsletter. Call soon!

Finance Officer (This Position is Open)

Financial information is reported at Executive Committee and General membership meetings. It is also available in the office. Many thanks to Legionnaire Gideon Diamon for posting the financial data to our Quick Books program and printing out the information.

Above comments by Chuck Zeitvogel, Commander

Chaplain Comments-Howard Hornick

Report ill or sick: Francis Redington

Members that passed: None

A Reflection

"Let us then rely on the goodness of our cause, and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions."

General George Washington

Service Officer Comments-Tom Morant

Number of calls received for assistance: None

Past Commander Comments-Francis Redington

The Junior Shooting Sports Team is finally off and running at Widefield High School. We have been trying for almost seven years to get indoor range facilities. On Monday, November 10th it became a reality. We have four - six person teams. The range has five firing points, which will allow us to shoot a five-person team. That will enable me to coach one team a day, allowing me to use Friday to coach the slower learning and reserve shooters that didn't get a chance to shoot on their scheduled day.

Adjutant Comments -Ann Foster

As of this writing we have 236 members for the Legion year 2004. This is better than 80% of our goal. We are only six away from 85% and 49 from 100%. It would be wonderful to have 100% by the end of the year. It would also be very helpful to reach that goal by then, so that we might concentrate on our future after the first of the year. Many thanks to those listed below whom have renewed or transferred in since the last newsletter.

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Earl Burrell,
George Carnes
Robert Crisp
Henry Fletcher
Marian Holden
Fred Jerman
Carl Jordan
Ernie Kelly

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Michell Knaub
Tom Morant
Jon Polk
Stanley Rawson
Alvin Richert
Jack Roberts
Bud Sailer
Norman Schwartz

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Amanda Sims
Russell Stott
James Tackett
Rudolph Tamayo
Crystal Weller
Robert Wherley

Other Items of Interest

Meetings

The Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and General Membership Meetings for January 2004 may be slipped one week each due to the first Thursday of the month falling on January 1st. See the Calendar of events for the dates.

Membership

Membership numbers in Post 209 is growing. This is good! The more members that actively participate, the more assistance to veterans, their families, and community events.

American Legion Catalog

The 2004 American Legion Emblem Catalog with over 150 new items is now available. Anyone who would like to order items from this catalog is welcome to do so. Call the office first, then come by and take a look at it.

Blue & Gold Star Banners

These banners are available. Call the office should you or someone you know want one.

Field / Bush Mower For Sale

Post 209's Field & Bush Mower is for sale. Approx. \$1,800 new. Make an offer. Call the office (719) 599-8624 or Past Commander Francis Redington at (719) 471-3925 if interested.

Veteran's Day Parade

Representatives of American Legion Posts 5, 209 and 1960 Riders participated in the Nov 8th Veterans Day Parade. Legionnaire Bill Marshall, Jr. Vice Commander, was our point of contact for this event. We thank him for his efforts and the use of his pick-up truck for towing

Ricky Crawford
Eric Dech
Nicholas Ferrier
Jacob Foxworthy

Doree Higginbotham
Ryan Keighin
Sam Peiler
Dorian Parker

Michael Trumpore
Caleb Tubbs

Details are still pending for some of the planned events after the first of the year, but we hope to have that information available for the next newsletter. The next Pack meeting will be at Washington Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. We will be bringing nonperishable food items for Care and Share. If you want to have some fun

Post 209's trailer in the parade. Cub Scout Pack 24 also was in the parade with Post 209.

Early Bird Dinner

The Early Bird Diner was held the evening of Nov 8th at Chapter 1, The Retired Enlisted Association. Special thanks to Bill Marshall once again for making the arrangements and scheduling this event. Fifteen attended

Sons of the American Legion

A Sons of The American Legion Squadron for Post 209 is not active at this time.

Eligibility requirement to be a member of the Sons of The American Legion include that a person be a son of an American Legion Member.

Contact Legionnaire Larry Johnson at (719) 622-0344 or leave a message at the Post 209's phone (719) 599-8624 should you learn of some one who meets this eligibility requirement.

Follow-up to try and get a Sons of The American Legion Squadron reactivated for Post 209 will be attempted.

Cub Pack 24

Our Cub Pack has been very busy. Their turnout for the parade was excellent and they were one of two Scout groups actually marching in the parade. At the Pack meeting on 19 November, we learned the popcorn sales for the Pack totaled \$4,207.07. This was up 174% from last year! Way to go!

Popcorn awards were earned by 17 boys. The top winners were Aaron McClenathan, 1st place, Eric Dech and Caleb Tubbs tied for 2nd place, and Ricky Cranford won 3rd place.

Recruiting awards were earned by Albion Budney, and Caleb and Zachery Godwin.

The following boys received their Bobcat award:

watching young boys having some fun give Francis Redington a call at 471-3925 and he will give you directions.

Calendar of Coming Events

Dec 4 Board of Trustees Mtg.	Dec 31 New Year's Eve
Dec 4 Executive Committee Mtg.	Jan 1 New Year's Day
Dec 12 Christmas Party "Pot Luck"	Jan 8 Board of Trustees Mtg.
Dec 20 Hanukkah Begins	Jan 8 Executive Committee Mtg.
Dec 25 Christmas	Jan 22 General Membership Mtg.

Christmas Party "Pot Luck" Open House

At

Post 209 Office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Suite 104

Friday Dec 12th 1-5 P.M.

Legionnaires, Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion

Are Invited Please Come

Bring a Favorite Food Item to Share

Hosted by Post 209 Executive Committee

Call the office if you have questions

Post 209 Executive Committee

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Sr. Vice Cmdr	Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Cmdr	Bill Marshall
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Position Open
Historian	W.W. Bandler
Sgt. at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Exec. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Francis Redington

Board of Trustees

Neal Thomas	Chairman (2yr)
Alton Cyriaque	Secretary (1yr)
Position Open	Finance Officer
Chuck Zeitvogel	Commander
Larry Johnson	Member (2yr)
Francis Redington	Member (1yr)
Ann Foster	Member (3yr)

Committees

Planning & Budget	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Membership	Greg Andries	636-3346
Program/Social Activities	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Americanism/Youth/Scouting/Jr., ROTC / Marksmanship	Francis Redington	471-3925
Boys State & Oratorical	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Legislative & National Security	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Veteran Affairs	Tom Morant	570-0843
(Club) Land Use, Care & Development	Greg Andries	636-3346

Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution & ByLaws	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Property Inventory:		
-Office	Ann Foster	599-8624
-Storage Unit	Larry Johnson	622-0344
Auxiliary Liaison	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Sons of The American Legion	Larry Johnson	622-0344

Post 209 Normal Meeting Times

Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., 1st Thur. of Month
Executive Committee, 7:00 p.m., 1st Thur. of Month
 Above meetings at Post 209's office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Suite 104., C/S

General Membership Meetings

3rd Thur. of Month, Location: VFW Post 4051, upper level, at 430 East Pikes Peak Ave., C/S.
 Meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

Auxiliary Unit Officers

President	Dot Dassero
Sec. Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhamer
Sgt. at Arms	Ruth Hornick

No Comments for Newsletter

Articles / Comments for publication in Post 209 Newsletter by the 2nd Friday of the month to be in the following month's newsletter. Submit to the Post's Office; Attention Post Commander