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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on 14 February at 7:00 PM at the Post Home. All members are invited to submit their items to the Executive Committee in person or in writing. This meeting will be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander Larry Johnson.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Meeting 3rd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on 16 February 1989 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home. All members are invited to attend this meeting. This meeting will be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander Larry Johnson.

THANKS:

My thanks to all who turned out for our 19 January general meeting. We were able to undertake a lot of business because of the active participation of the members present. Most of the business conducted related to the Post Home and its Operation. More to follow.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

In my capacity as Post Commander I extend special recognition to Bob LaFrenierre, Post Home Director and John Kovar, our Bingo Manager, for the personal effort these people have put out in bringing our Post Home to a point of realization. These two have expended their personal time in the quest for obtaining all the forms and verifications required to submit our applications for licenses, permits, inspections, and insurances required by the City, County, and State. Believe me, please, that this was no minor undertaking. They deserve the gratitude of all our members for now we are in a position "to begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel". The liquor license application is in the mill, an insurance binder will be in effect on 1 February, a request for a Health Department Inspection has been submitted, a State

Tax License has been received and \$10,000.00 has been approved by the membership to implement the plan of action recommended to the Executive Committee by the Club Director, Bob LaFrenierre.

MORE THANKS:

To these Legionnaires, Tom Haban, Bob LaFrenierre, John Kovar and Larry Johnson who under took the task of 'de-decorating' the Post Home. Thanks a lot.

WORK PARTIES:

No formal work parties are being planned for this time due to increased activity within the Post with various internal projects underway to prepare the Post Home for opening. Drop by and check out the Post Home, I think you will be very surprised.

NOTICE:

I will be absent for the February Executive Committee Meeting as well as the General Membership Meeting. My Wife and I are

going on vacation (one she richly deserves). Senior Vice Commander Larry Johnson will preside at these meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

I have appointed Wally Lonsinger and Dave Thomas a committee of two to determine the parameters/requirements for our permanent Post Home/Hall. As you know the most difficult part of determining these parameters/requirements is to find and list all the items which should be included in such a project. Wally and Dave have compiled a list of these items. Dave and Wally ask for input/thoughts/ideas on these and additional considerations.

Max
MAX HOYER
COMMANDER

FROM THE SENIOR
VICE COMMANDER

MEMBERSHIP:

We are looking good right now as we have 172 paid Legionnaires for the Legion Year 1989. We still have 84 members who have not renewed their membership and I will be contacting them in this regard. Please **RENEW** your dues when you receive this newsletter. It only takes a couple of minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 14,
Valentines Day
Remember to
recognize your
Loved Ones

**MARCH 17, AMERICAN
LEGION BIRTHDAY**

**MARCH 17, SAINT
PATRICK'S DAY**

**MARCH 18, We will
celebrate the
American Legion
Birthday Party.**
(The actual date is
the 17th of March).
We will be 70 years
young. Come down
and enjoy the
company of your
fellow Legionnaires
and see what the
club looks like.

The Post is supplying
the meat and we are
requesting that
everyone bring a
covered dish of some
type.

**MAY 18, Set this
date aside as it is
the date that the
American Legion and
the American Legion
Auxiliary will
install the officers
for the upcoming
year. This gala
event will be held
at the Air Force
Academy NCO Club.
Cocktail hour will
commence at 6:30 PM
and dinner will be
served at 7:00 PM.
The meal has not
been decided as of
yet due to the
non-availability of
menu's, however, I
have been assured
that as soon as the
menu's are ready
that the NCO Club
will mail me one so
we get make a
selection.**

**NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE:**

At the February
Meeting a
Nominations
Committee will be
appointed. The
duties of this
Committee will be to
interview likely
Legionnaires for
Officer Positions
within the Post for
American Legion Year

1989-1990. Anyone
would desires to be a
officer of the Post
please come to the
meeting and talk with
the committee after it
has been appointed.

ORATORICAL CONTEST:

In a back issue of the
Newsletter I mentioned
the Oratorical
Contest. The month of
February has been
designated as
Oratorical Month
within the Department
of Colorado. For
those who might like
to attend a contest
and hear these high
school students speak
on the American
Constitution the
District Contest will
be held at the Canon
City High School in
Canon City, Co. For
direction call me at
574-0646.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS:

The Post has been
notified that the Post
is in line to receive
a membership Award for
exceeding the Post all
Time High by 31
December 1988. This
award is awarded by
the National
Commander. This is a
nice award to receive
but the award that is
the best is when the
Post achieves 100
per-cent by the
American Legion
Birthday 17 March

1989. Let's all get together and help achieve this goal. If you know that you have not renewed please renew now. If you know of some one who has not renewed, talk to them and ask them to renew their membership with the American Legion Post 209.

LARRY L. JOHNSON
SENIOR VICE
COMMANDER

AUXILIARY CORNER:

FEBRUARY 1989

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

HELLO LADIES:

I would like to thank all of the ladies who attended the last meeting which was the 19th of January. We had a fine turn-out and much was discussed. One of the items of business was, that, the Post asked us to host to the American Legion Birthday Partry celebration that is to take place on the 19th of March 1989. The Post is supplying the main meat dishes and we are requesting that everyone who participates bring a covered dish. We had fun at the last one and I hope to see you all there. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 574-0646.

Our membrship is looking good. Keep up the good work and lets make this a banner year for the unit. Together we can do it.

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on the 16th of February at 7:00 PM. I hope that everyone will attend and bring some ideas for a fund raiser or things that you would like to see us do.

INITIATION:

At the March meeting a initiation of new members will be conducted. Anyone who has not been initiated please contact me at 574-0646 for further details.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT
MEETING:

MARGERY JOHNSON
PRESIDENT

FROM WALLY LONSINGER AND DAVE THOMAS:

As Commander Hoyer stated in his comments Wally Lonsinger and I have been appointed as a Committee to determine the parameters/requirements for our Permanent Post Home/Hall. As you know the most difficult part of determining parameters/requirements is to find and list all the items which should be included in such a project. Wally and I have compiled the followings items as basic to a permanent Post Home/Hall and ask your input/thoughts/ideas on these or additional items or considerations. Please take some time evaluate and indicate what you think would be appropriate and return to the Post so we can compile a list in order to go ahead with plans for the Permanent Post Home/Hall.

EXTERIOR CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Should the Post buy land which is excess to our intital needs and then hope to sell some for a profit with which we can help pay for our building?
2. Should the Post initially plan for the maximum anticipated land area or plan for the minimum and hope to expand later necessary.
3. Should our exterior Property/Land be used for the following:
 - A. Picnic Areas with B-B-Q pits, etc.
 - B. RV parking for Brother Legionnaires
 - C. Lounging area/playground areas
 - D. Swimming Pool
 - E. Landscaping/fencing
 - F. Bingo Parking
 - G. Member Parking
 - H. Exterior Lighting
 - I. Exterior Security
 - J. Exterior PA System

BUILDING CONFIGURATION:

Analysis indicates that the final configuration should either be in the form of an "H" or a Rectangular "U" in order to separate the Bingo Hall from the remainder of the building. This would provide non-mutual interference at times when there are activities scheduled in both wings simultaneously. This would also allow expansion of either wing without affecting the other.

INTERIOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE POST HOME/HALL PER SE:

1. Kitchens--Commercial rating. How many?
2. Dining Area(s) -- Should these be in addition to banquet area?
Smoking/Non Smoking Area. What Capacity?
3. Bar and Lounge--with/without TV? Smoking/Nonsmoking areas--part
of a game room? What capacity?

4. A separate no-smoking lounge-- to be named the Walter Ferritz Room
5. A library/reading room
6. Office for Post Commander
7. Office for Post Adjutant
8. Office for Auxiliary President
9. Office for Post Home/Hall Manager
10. Meeting rooms-- with storage large, 2 each, provide for dance ensemble and sound proofing
11. Meeting rooms -- with storage. Small/medium 2 each
12. Commercial Offices for rent? How Many?
13. Restrooms-- 2 or 3 sets
14. Card Rooms-- 3 or 4 with tables
15. Large reception area In conjunction with dining and banquet rooms?
16. Expandable lounge/dance hall?
17. General Storage area
18. Laundry and cleaning supplies room.
19. Trophy Room
20. Community Rooms:
 - A. Boy/Girl Scouts
 - B. Baseball, ETC
21. Game Rooms--- Pool, pin-pong, chess, etc
22. ITEMS APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING:
 - A. Heating
 - B. Air Conditioning
 - C. Ventilation and smoke removal
 - D. Water
 - E. Sewage
 - F. Electrical
 - G. Windows
 - H. Insulation
 - I. Security
 - J. Intercom
 - K. Lighting
 - L. Fire and Sound Proofing

INTERIOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE BINGO HALL PER SE:

1. Substantial room for 250-450 players
2. No smoking area with adequate buzzers and 2-way communications
3. Separate and isolated counters for specials
4. Separate counter for jar raffles
5. Restrooms
6. SnackBar
7. Hard card storage
8. Game Hardware
9. Storage closets for each renters supplies
10. Security
11. Fire and Sound proofing
12. Heating, ventilation, smoke removal, air conditioning
13. Parking

We want to know what you would add, change, or delete from the items presented here. Please write your comments on the text or the bottom of the text or on the back of the list. Again, your thoughts/ideas on the above considerations are welcome. Changes to the building come at great expense after the contract has been awarded. Note: The items listed above are not in order of priority nor do they represent the most efficient use of space. The above list is offered in an effort to include a;; possible items which we might eventually want in our Post Home/Hall. Send your input now to Wally Lonsinger or Dave Thomas care of the Post 1337 North Academy Blvd or forever hold your peace.

FEBRUARY 1989

- 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,

- 12 FEBRUARY 1989 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

- 14 FEBRUARY 1989 VALENTINES DAY

- 14 FEBRUARY 1989 POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM. HELD AT THE POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD

- 15 FEBRUARY 1989 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.

MARCH 1989

- 12 MARCH 1989 DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING, Post 5, 15 East Platte Avenue

- 14 MARCH 1989 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM. HELD AT POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD

- 16 MARCH 1989 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

- 17 MARCH 1989 ST PATRICK'S DAY

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- 18 MARCH 1989 American Legion Birthday Parrty. Start 7:00 PM at the Post Home. 1337 North Academy Blvd.
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- 19 MARCH 1989 PALM SUNDAY

- 24 MARCH 1989 GOOD FRIDAY

- 26 MARCH 1989 EASTER SUNDAY

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