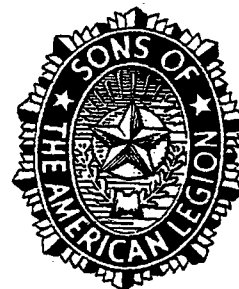


**CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION**



"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

FEBRUARY 1994

FROM THE COMMANDER

I am happy to report that all of the events involved in the closure of the club and movement of the post office to its new location on Austin Bluffs Parkway were accomplished without major difficulties and according to plan. I am most grateful to the many members of the post and the auxiliary who worked so hard to make these activities proceed as scheduled. It is this teamwork that exemplifies the spirit of The American Legion and Centennial Post 209.

Now we must all pull together to accomplish those tasks necessary to realize the ultimate goals of The American Legion and the post.

Of immediate concern is the status of bingo. Bill and Hilda Pifer have indicated that they wish to be relieved of their bingo duties at the end of March. They have been loyal supporters of the bingo activity for many years and their contribution will be greatly missed. I would also like to be relieved of the responsibility of being the

bingo manager at the end of June. I would like to devote more of my time to Legion programs and to my family. Therefore, the need for additional volunteers to be involved in bingo has become critical. Of immediate concern is our need for a new caller. As you know, our regular caller, Lee Baker, has become disabled and is no longer available. I beg your support and am expecting someone will step forward to fill these vacancies. Bingo continues to be our major source of income to support our programs. We must support this activity through our volunteer efforts. Please contact me if you are able to contribute to this endeavor.

**FROM HARRY JOHNSON, JR., VICE
COMMANDER**

The Cripple Creek trip will be Saturday, 19 February. We will depart from the old Post Home, 1337 N. Academy Blvd., at 5:00 P.M. and return about 11:00 P.M. If you are planning to go, you must have your \$10.00 per person deposit in to me by 12 February. The entire deposit will be returned to you when we get

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER FLOYD BUFKIN
SR VICE COMMANDER AL CYRIAQUE
JR VICE COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN KENNETH ANDERSON
SGT-AT-ARMS AL LENDER
CHAPLAIN HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE GEORGE CARNES
SERVICE OFFICER TED RIDDLE
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT DOROTHY DASSERO
2ND VICE PRESIDENT LOIS EGNOR
SECRETARY MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER PATTI HABAN
HISTORIAN HILDA PIFER
CHAPLAIN MARIA SANDOVAL
SGT-AT-ARMS IREANA CAMPBELL

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.
POTLUCK - 6:00 p.m.

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO

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to the casino at Cripple Creek. You will have a choice of prime rib, ribeye steak, catch-of-the-day, potatoes, vegetables, roll and dessert and two drinks. All will be free of charge. "Such a deal!" You can take your deposit to the new office for Post 209, 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste 104, across from Cub Foods, telephone 599-8624, or you can call me at 596-9261, and I will make arrangements with you to get your deposit. Please plan on attending so we have the needed number for the trip.

The American Legion Birthday Dinner will be held 12 March at The Knights of Columbus Hall, 3613 Jeannine Dr, just off Academy Blvd. Turn west at Wendy's Restaurant or Bennigans. Cocktails will be from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M. followed by dinner of roast beef, vegetables, roll, cake and ice cream. The Post will provide the food and the Auxiliary will provide the Birthday cake. We must have your reservation by 1 March, so we can arrange for the food. You may call me at 596-9261 or Ann at 599-8624. You may also send your reservation to 4045 Haven Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

Now is the time to get serious about membership. We have 408 members and

for that we are thankful. However, we are 11 away from 80% and 61 away from 90%. Department's 90% goal date is 17 Feb, so you see we don't have much time to get there. Let's really get with the program. REMEMBER, DUES ARE NOW \$25.00.

Mid-Year Conference at the Hilton Inn was excellent. Doris Gross, Past National Vice Commander from Washington state, was keynote speaker. She presented an excellent overview on the contribution of women in The American Legion and the military. The other speaker was Jerry May from the National Legislation office in the Washington, D.C. office of The American Legion. Jerry gave us an outstanding presentation on the current picture of legislative efforts by The American Legion. He and his wife Freya are both members of our Post. We were pleased to have such talent in our midst. During the Media Awards Banquet, Genevieve Anton, Military Affairs reporter for the Gazette Telegraph, and Harry Hoth, owner of KRDO-TV/Radio, were local award recipients. Post 209 was also presented a National Certificate of Meritorious Service for 1993 membership results. While Post 209 was in attendance at this Conference, we hope we will see many more of you at State Convention, 24-26 June, because it will be in the very same place. Without travel expense, or hotel rooms to pay for, you should be able to make it.

The Department Executive Committee (DEC) had a busy meeting but two items are of particular interest at this time. The DEC voted to accept the under-65 recommended rate increases by the Permanent Membership Committee, but they rejected the proposed increase for over 65. They voted to increase that age level to \$223.75, to be in effect until review at State Convention. The under-65 for your

current dues of \$25.00 are now \$460.00. We were reminded that this program is supposed to be self-sustaining and the current interest rates are low.

The other item addressed the resignation of Wayne Hill, Department Sgt-at-Arms, who moved back to Pennsylvania. The DEC voted to accept Commander Thomas' appointment of Ann Foster to that position for the remainder of the Legion year.

I would like to remind the Legionnaires about the Auxiliary Bakeless Bake Sale mentioned in last month's newsletter. Please help them with their fundraising effort by sending your donation to President Barbara Johnson, 4045 Haven Ln., Colo Springs, CO 80917.

We have a new telephone number for the office: 599-8624. Please call if you have questions or need to pass along information. An answering machine is available when I am not in the office.

Please take note of the upcoming events mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter. A reminder that our General Membership meetings are now held at Calvary United Methodist Church, corner of Austin Bluffs and Beverly St. We will be having a potluck for February and subsequent meetings. BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE. We hope to be presenting some interesting programs at future meetings.

Sr. Vice Commander Al Cyriaque announced the Blue and Gold Banquet for the Cub Scout Pack we sponsor will be 19 February at 12:30 P.M. at the DAV Hall in Security. Please send him your name and address as soon as possible if you would like to attend: Al Cyriaque, 10870 Hardy Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908-1513. The Pack wants to send invitations to you directly.

AUXILIARY NEWS

FROM THE AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT - BARBARA JOHNSON

Our regular January meeting was held at Calvary United Methodist Church as 4210 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, west of Cub Foods. It was decided at this meeting to meet at the church for the remainder of the year. We found it to be a nice quiet, smoke-free place to meet. I hope you all will come to our meetings there in the coming months.

Several of our members attended the Mid-Year Conference which was held at the Hilton here in Colorado Springs,

We miss our First Vice President, Dot Dassero, who is recovering from open heart surgery. Our prayers continue to be with her.

It still isn't too late for you to donate to our Bakeless Bake Sale. This is our only way to raise money so we can do for our Veterans as we have done in the past. We need your help. Thank you to those who have already donated. I don't know what we would do without you.

Coming up in February and March:

February 12: Money due in for Cripple Creek Trip;

February 15: Past President Parley luncheon - Hometown Buffet 1:00 P.M.;

February 17: Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M. Potluck - Please bring your own eating equipment as we cannot use the church equipment. We will have coffee and punch.

February 19: Cripple Creek trip - bus leaves from Rustic Hills Parking Lot at 5:00 P.M.

March 2: Exec meeting at Post business office

March 12: Legion Birthday Party

March 17: Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M. No potluck. We will have Initiation for any member who has not been initiated. Please call me at 596-9261 by March 11, if you want to be initiated and receive your pin at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

Only sixty two of our eighty-nine members have renewed this year. We know that many of our 89 were members only to allow them access to the club facilities, but hoped that more than 62 were actually interested in the assistance we give to veterans instead of just the club.

You military personnel must remember that we have facilities all over the world which are available to you. Please renew your membership and help us financially to fulfill our duties as members.

SALON 422 8 ET 40

Salon 422 of the 8&40 will hold its regular meeting at Post 5, February 21, 7:30 P.M. Barbara Johnson will hostess this meeting.

TO POST EVERLASTING

CHRISTIAN D. BEIERLE
HARRY BARTLEY
ROBERT THURLOW

**AMERICAN LEGION
BIRTHDAY DINNER**

12 MARCH 1994

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HALL. 3613 JEANNINE
DRIVE. TURN WEST AT
BENNIGANS**





AND THEN GO SOUTH ON JEANNINE DR. HALL ON RIGHT.



**MENU: ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES,
VEGGIES, ROLL, AND CAKE FOR DESERT
FREE TO ALL MEMBERS**



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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

10/22/1993