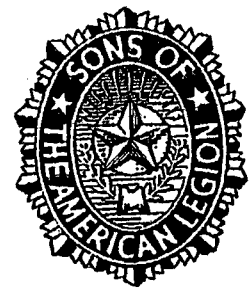




**CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION**



FEBRUARY 1995

**FROM THE COMMANDER - AL
CYRIAQUE**

Our first meeting of the New Year was held in our new meeting location, "The Retired Enlisted Association." What a turnout we had for our first meeting. It was great!

February 14th is St. Valentine's Day. Do not forget your Sweetie!

I, for one am looking forward to our next meeting on February 16th.

PERSIAN GULF VETERANS

A toll-free number has been established to inform Persian Gulf War veterans and their families of available medical care and other benefits.

The "help line," headquartered in St. Louis, is staffed with specialists knowledgeable about Persian Gulf issues. They are available weekdays from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. MST. The number is (800) 749-8387. The help line also includes a series of recorded messages which will enable callers to obtain information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The help lines are part of an outreach program established to help gulf war veterans who believe they became ill through their service in the war against Iraq in 1991.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT - DOT
DASSERO**

Sorry I missed seeing you at the first meeting of the year. As a matter of fact, I flew in from California last night and haven't talked to anyone to find out how the initiation and the meeting went. Did you enjoy our new meeting place? Thanks to all of you who helped with the meeting and the initiation. I'll thank you personally when I find out who all participated.

I went to San Diego for the wedding of a granddaughter and the baptism of a great granddaughter. We had only one day of rain but the first ten days had 86% humidity. I visited friends in Orange County (Yes, Kelly, Tina and Brooks); we visited the Orange, Placentia, Anaheim and Newport Harbor Posts. All are busy having fundraisers for Girls and Boys State and other projects and all are screaming about membership so we're not alone in our scramble for new members and renewals. Please send yours in!

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	ALTON CRYIAQUE
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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

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PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
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TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	ROSALIE FRICKE
CHAPLAIN	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
834 Emory - TREA BLDG

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

MORE BY HARRY JOHNSON - SR VICE COMMANDER

Upcoming events for the Post are: March is American Legion Birthday and we will have a Birthday dinner on March 25, 1995. The dinner will be held at V.F.W. Post 4051 at 430 E. Pikes Peak Avenue. The menu will be roast beef, potatoes, salad, mixed vegetables and cake for dessert. We need your reservation to plan for enough food so reservation cut-off will be March 12, 1995. You may phone the Post and leave word or phone me at 596-9261.

May is installation of new officers, and the dinner will be on May 13, 1995. There will be more information to come in next month's newsletter.

All of you who have not renewed your membership are now delinquent. In the last few months I have tried to explain why you should renew your membership for your own benefit and what you have to lose by not doing so. It is now up to you. I believe the current officers are doing all we can to keep this an effective and progressive Post. We need you and your membership.

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**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN
FOSTER**

Membership is now 308. We have gone from 55% to 60% of our goal. We need 193 more to make 100%. For those who may need some incentive to help reach this goal, there is a new award you may want to earn. The name of it is the National Commander's Cap Pin Individual Membership Award. It must be earned through efforts to renew, transfer and renew Headquarters Post members into the local post, or enroll new members. Credit for each of these membership transactions are: renewal of previous year member - 1/2 point, transfer and renewal of HQ post member to local Post - 2 points, and new member - 3 points. To receive the Commander's Cap Pin, a recruiter must earn 12 points. Post Adjutants will certify to Department the final number of cap pins required not later than April 1. Requests from Departments will be handled on the 15th of every month until the final distribution in April. So far, Larry Johnson and Neal Thomas have already earned this award. If just 16 more were to join them, they would not only earn the award, but their efforts would put us at 100%! Our 193 more members is not so impossible with just a bit of effort.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see information about the Department finals for The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. Support our contestant.

The Mid-Year Conference at Longmont was well attended and very informative. The National Vice Commander for our region, Joe Craig from Alaska, was the guest speaker at the banquet. He brought greetings from National Commander Detwiler and updated us on the activities at the National level. One of the most significant events mentioned was the effort of Commander Detwiler and other members

of The American Legion to ensure the planned exhibition of the Enola Gay by the Smithsonian is presented without dishonor to those who fought and died in WWII. Since this discussion, we now know those efforts have paid off. This is an example of what being a member of this largest veterans organization can mean. Vice Commander Craig also encouraged us to continue getting the petitions signed for the Citizens Flag Alliance. The goal is 20 million signatures by Flag Day on June 14.

DISTRICT 7 ANNUAL BALL

Tickets are now available from Al Cyriaque for the District Seven Annual Ball at Security Post 38, April 8th. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. and the Bill Boyt band from 8:00 - 12:00 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 each. Plan now to attend an enjoyable evening.

**COLORADO DEPARTMENT FINALS
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
ORATORICAL CONTEST -**

On February 26 at 1:00 P.M., at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd, four students will be competing for \$3,000 in scholarships and the right to represent Colorado in the National Regional Contest on April 3 in Cheyenne, Wyoming and possibly advance all the way to the National Finals Contest in Harrisburg, Penn. on April 7. By doing so, our Colorado representative could win over \$20,000 in college scholarships.

This exciting contest will begin promptly at 1:00 P.M. with the four contestants delivering their prepared 8 to 10 minutes speeches on some phase of The United States Constitution. They will also have the opportunity to speak for 3 to 5 minutes on one of six special topics which will be determined during the

contest. The contest will be completed by 4:00 by declaring a winner and awarding the scholarships. Ten Legion Posts have conducted contests involving over 20 high school students.

Post 209 is the sponsor of Jessica Fisher from Liberty High School. Jessica is also the District 7 representative. She has an excellent talk and will be practicing it at our next General Meeting, February 16, at the TREA. Come hear this young lady and give her your support. We think she can go all the way with our backing.

In addition to the opportunity to win college scholarships, the true intent of this contest is to encourage young people to learn about our form of government by studying the U. S. Constitution. And it works!

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY -
RUTH HORNIK, CHAIRMAN**

The Past Presidents' Parley will have its annual meeting at the Home Town Buffet in the Shops at the Bluffs on February 7 at 1:00 P.M. Past Presidents of Unit 209 or any other unit are encouraged to join the Parley. All members of our Auxiliary Unit are invited to meet with us, enjoy lunch and be aware of our commitment to the Nurses Scholarship program.



**THE FUTURE OF
FITZSIMONS IS IN JEOPARDY**

A flyer has been received concerning the future of Fitzsimons Hospital. A rally is planned for Saturday, February 11 at 1:00 P.M. at the Aurora Mall - Center Court.

If the future of this historic facility concerns you, you may want to be a part of this rally.

**S. A. L.
DETACHMENT OF COLORADO
AWARDS BANQUET**

Hosted by Squadron #32, the banquet will be held on February 18, at Post 32, 315 Bowen Street, Longmont.

Doors open at 5:30 P.M., dinner at 7:00, with a dance to follow. Music will be Country/Western by "Midnight Highway."

PRESIDENT'S



8 et 40 SALON 422

La Petite Salon 422, Departementale du Colorado, will hold its monthly meeting at Post 5, 7:30 P.M., February 20. Ruth Hornik will hostess the event.

An advertisement for Americanism Month. It features a vertical American flag tie on the left. To the right, the text reads: "Show Your Colors! February is Americanism Month." At the bottom right is the American Legion logo and the text "The American Legion".

WE ARE NOT DEAD

During the month of January I contacted many Legionnaires by letter and by telephone to see if we could count on you to continue to support the American Legion by renewing your dues. In addition, I have talked to member where ever I see you and recognize you. The biggest reply about renewing membership is " I THOUGHT THAT THE POST HAD QUIT" I'm here to tell you that Centennial Post 209 IS NOT DEAD, we have not quit. Currently, we have in excess of 300 Legionnaires who have not given up and have renewed their membership for 1995.

From July 1994 to the present our Post has provided support to the Veterans by providing assistance when—asked, attending the Fort Lyon VA Medical Center, All Patients day Activities, we provided support in our community by providing Christmas baskets to those who needed help during the holidays. We are sponsoring a contest to the Department American Legion High School Oratorical Contest that is coming up at the end of February.

We provide this assistance and sponsorship because we have Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who are aware that WE ARE NOT DEAD and supporting the programs of the American Legion.

The only way that this Post is going to continue to grow and support the American Legion Programs as well as provide support the Veterans

that we support and the community is by renewing Legionnaires as well as bringing new members into this great organization.

In order to do this we need your help. We need you to renew your membership and we need you to talk to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers and ask them to continue their membership and to become a member of Centennial Post 209. If you can help please call me at 590-1369 after 4:00 p.m. I will be more than willing to explain how you can help. But above all please, wherever you go and you here the statement that Centennial Post 209 is dead, please politely correct them but tell them are alive and we are growing.

LARRY L. JOHNSON
FINANCE OFFICER

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

I am enclosing a schedule of personnel who have volunteered their time for the month of FEBRUARY 1995 you will see that there are some spaces open and we need your help. I am requesting you to please do some soul-searching and see if you can't give the Post a couple of hours at least ONCE A MONTH as that would help greatly. If you find that you can help please call Larry Johnson at work 526-9093 or home 590-1369 and I will get back with you.







BINGO WORKERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 1995

	1ST WEEK JAN 6	2ND WEEK JAN 13	3RD WEEK JAN 20	4TH WEEK JAN 27	5TH WEEK
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FRONT CLERK	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	FLO S.	FLO S.	
SML JARS		JEFF N.	JEFF N		
SML JARS	JEFF N.	TOM M.	HAROLD F.	DORRIE	
SML JARS					
LRG JARS	BILL P.	BILL P.	ROBIN E.	BILL P.	
LRG JARS	BILL W.	BILL W.	BILL W.	BILL W.	
LRG JARS					
FLOOR WALKER			WALLY L.	WALLY L.	
FLOOR WALKER					
CALLER	DORRIE W.	FLOYD B.	DORRIE W.	FLOYD B.	
CALLER	LARRY J.	DORRIE W.	LARRY J.	DORRIE W.	
GAMES MANAGER	LARRY J.	FRANCIS R.	LARRY J.	FRANCIS R.	
LARRY JOHNSON BINGO CHAIRMAN					

March 1995

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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12	13  8:00pm 40/8 MTG	14	15	16  6:00pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REA #1 7:00pm DIST 7 VISITATION	17 St. Patrick's 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE 	18
19	20 Spring begins  7:30pm 8 & 40 MTG POST 5	21	22	23	24 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	25  6:30pm AM LEG BIRTHDAY PARTY
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19	20 President's Day  7:30pm 8 & 40 MTG POST 5	21	22  Was- hing- ton's Birt- hday	23	24 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	25
26 DEPT ORATORICAL CONTEST	27	28				

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