

# CENTENNIAL POST 209

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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FEBRUARY 1996

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## LEGION NEWS

The self-imposed waiting period for action on the post home has expired. We are actively planning the start of the new post home. I have been talking with people regarding a construction loan. We also have an architect working on plans. He has stated he would have some ready for review by February 7. They will be presented at the General Membership meeting on February 15.

We will meet at the DAV Post Home, located at Palmer Park and Peterson Road at 7:00 P.M. with a potluck starting at 6:00 P.M.

If you have any talents which can contribute to construction of the Post Home, please let me know, and in planning with the architect, we can save a lot of the cost if we can do the work.

The Mid-Winter meeting for Department will be at the Holiday Inn on Garden of the Gods Road on Saturday, January 27. I would like to invite any one who can and would like to attend. Meetings start at 9:00 A.M.

Current membership as of the last meeting was 279; our goal is 451 for the year. I would like each one of you to ask your best friend or co-worker if he or she was in the military and if so, give him or her a membership

application and an invitation to join you for the meeting on February 15.

The latest report shows that only 17% of the membership voted in the last national election. We cannot protect our benefits if the President, Senate and Congress know we don't vote; if we don't care, they will not care. So we encourage each of you to vote at the next election. Now is the time to get registered so you can vote. It is very important!

Bingo is still going on every Friday night at TREA, and it remains our only source of income for our programs, plus the funds to build our new Post Home. We need your support and help. It would only take about 2 1/2 hours one night each month to give the present workers (many who have been working for several years) a break. If you can help, call me or Larry Johnson; we will give you the needed instruction.

The Legion's National Headquarters has renewed its community-based program to offer help to the families of the Bosnia Peacekeeping Force. If you can help, please let me know or call the Post. The family may only need some simple household repair or maybe someone to babysit while a mother goes to the doctor, or maybe someone to mow a lawn this summer. If you are willing to help, let us know.

HARRY JOHNSON, COMMANDER

**OFFICERS**

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
IR VICE COMMANDER	CHUCK CLABBERS
ADJUTANT	ANN EOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	J. C. SHELLHAMMER
SCT AT ARMS	JEFF NEW
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
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  
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1946  
VIETNAM WAR  
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975  
GRENADA & LEBANON  
AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31 1984  
PANAMA  
DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990  
PERSIAN GULF  
AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE  
END OF HOSTILITIES

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SCT AT ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

**HAPPY NEW YEAR '96 TO OUR FELLOW MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

Here we are starting a New Year and I've already made a commitment to the people who are veterans and have joined our Centennial Post 209 by phoning members to inform them that we care about their welfare and to remind them that their dues are due for this new year.

This shows show a deep concern for fellow members and will maybe inspire younger veterans of the Post to get involved.

HARRY MCFADDEN  
SR. VICE COMMANDER

**MEETINGS**

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

**ORATORICAL CONTEST**

Mark these dates on your calendar: the date for the Department Oratorical contest is February 25. It will be at the Arvada Center at 64th and Wadsworth in Arvada. April 15 is the date for the Region #10 Contest to be held at Erie High School auditorium, Exit 232 off I-25.

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## AUXILIARY NEWS

January was a busy month. I represented Unit 209 at the District 7 Executive meeting. At this meeting, the Department Mid-Year Conference was discussed, and the main topic was the visitation of National President Syble Deshotel. She will be at a reception scheduled at Unit 5, 5:00 P.M., January 26.

Because my newsletter has to be in to our editor, Dot Dassero, before the Mid-Year Conference, I will have to wait to tell you all the news from Department and our National President until our regular meeting on February 15.

Our January meeting and potluck dinner was held on our regular night at the DAV. Those of you who did not attend missed a great meal!

The Auxiliary was invited to join the Legion to hear the candidate for the Oratorical contest. This young man, Peter Fischer, is also the District 7 winner, and I thought he did a fine job. I am sure he will do well at the Department level. The Auxiliary was presented a very nice certificate for unselfish service to the veterans at the Satellite Clinic. Some of our ladies help prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinner, and the Auxiliary donated money to buy cookies or whatever needed for their Christmas Party, as well as a budgeted donation each year.

VFW Auxiliary Unit 4051 is offering a self-defense course on February 17, 2:00 P.M. Please call me if you would like to hear more about it.

Executive Meeting at the Post's office - February 7. Regular meeting at the DAV Clubrooms - February 15.

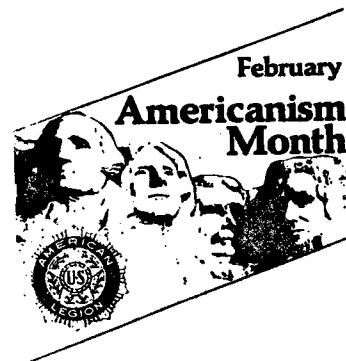
BARBARA JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT

## PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY

The Past Presidents' Parley will meet at the Hometown Buffet on March 8 for a 1:00 luncheon, followed by a little fun and frivolity. All Auxiliary members are invited to attend. A few Past Presidents have not yet paid PPP dues. Please get them in.

## ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

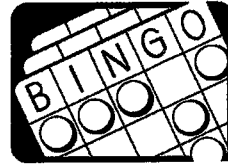
We are slowly making progress in the area of membership. We now have 300 members and are at 65% of our goal of 451 members. If we can have 16 more soon, we will reach 70%. We need 151 more to equalize at 100%. This can be a combination of renewals, new members and transfers who pay 1996 dues. I just know that we could do this if everyone would do as Commander Johnson requests by asking at least one eligible person they know to join. **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RENEWED, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL YOU DO RENEW!!** With many exciting things happening this year as we plan and begin building our new Post Home, I feel sure you want to stay on top of how we are doing, so please renew soon!!



**A**MERICANISM is an unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity • • •



FINANCE OFFICER  
LARRY L. JOHNSON



FUND RAISING  
ACTIVITIES  
LARRY L.  
JOHNSON

Our financial situation is as follows:

as of: 17  
January 1996

**Assets**

Bingo Account	37884.51
Building Account	39318.84
Club Account	31.41
Daily Cash Fund	404.06
Fund Raising Account	497.96
General Fund	6410.87
General Saving Account	1082.65

Sub-total 85630.3

**Other Assets**

Post CD # 1	1089.55
Post CD # 2	1765.65
Post CD # 3	1000
Bldg. CD # 1	4870.86
Land	75000
T-bills	9333.7

Sub-total 93059.76

Total 178690.0

If you have questions concerning this report please attend the General Membership meetings. All questions will be answered at the meeting.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
FINANCE OFFICER

Every Friday evening, we conduct our only fund raising activity.

The game of Bingo is conducted at the Retired Enlisted Association located at 834 Emory Circle (behind ENT Federal Credit Union on Murray blvd.).

Setup begins at 5:00 P.M. and bingo players begin arriving. We begin bingo and pulltabs sales at 6:00 P.M.

The game of Bingo itself is usually completed by 9:30 P.M. Pulltabs sales continue until about 11:30 P.M.

We are constantly in need of Bingo workers to help us. The biggest need right now are Bingo callers. Without callers we cannot conduct the game at all.

We need your help. Please give of yourself and come on out and help us with our fundraising activities.

Please give a call at 590-1369 or call the Post and leave a message and I will get back with you.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
BINGO CHAIRMAN



AMERICAN LEGION  
BIRTHDAY

We will be celebrating The American Legion Birthday on 23 March 1996 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4051 located on Pikes Avenue.

Attitude adjustment will be conducted at 6:00 P.M. with dinner to follow at 6:30 P.M.

We have asked a representative from the Department of Colorado to bring us greeting and a talk.

Following the speaker we will have live entertainment who will play a variety of music for your enjoyment from 9 to 12 P.M.

The festivities are free to members and their guests. All we ask is that you call either the Post and leave a message or call Larry L. Johnson at 590-1369 with your reservation and how many will be in your party.





The menu will consist of prime rib, baked potato, veggies, roll, etc.

Hope to see you there.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
BIRTHDAY CHAIRMAN

# February 1996

## CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	3
4	5	6	7  7:00pm EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	8	9 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	10
11	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	13	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15  7:00pm GENERAL ME- MBERSHIP MEETING	16 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	17
18	19 <i>President's Day</i> 7:30pm 3/40 MTG POST 5	20	21 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	22  <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	24
25	26	27	28	29		

WE NEED YOUR HELP RENEW NOW

1/25/1996