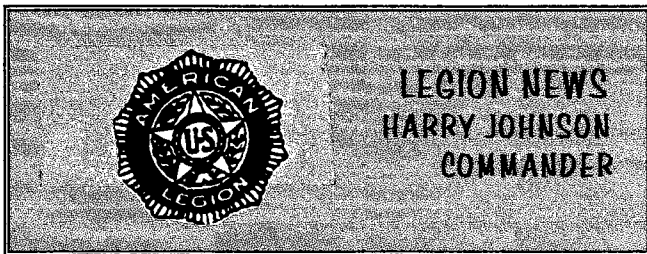


# CENTENNIAL POST 209

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

FEBRUARY 1997



Our membership at the present time is 278; our goal is 501. If you have not sent your renewal yet, do it today. We need the membership so that when a report is made to Congress by our National organization, the more members, the more likely they are to fund your benefits and health care benefits for the next year. Help yourself - help the Post - RENEW TODAY.



Mid-Year meeting is this last weekend of January in Fort Collins. Barbara and I plan to attend so we will have a full report for you at our February meetings and in the next Newsletter.

Our Post provided lunch for the VA Satellite Clinic on January 16th. We had about 18 to 20 veteran patients in attendance. Our

Auxiliary provided a cake for dessert.

Rebecca Tate, Oratorical contestant from Post 209, will represent District 7 in the Department contest to be held March 9th at 2:00 P.M. in Erie, Colorado, at the high school there.

The American Legion Birthday dinner will be in March. Mark your schedule and plan to attend. More details next month.

The plans for the Post Home have been submitted to the Regional Building Department for approval. Most of the plan has been approved. We are still having some troubles getting all the bids from the contractors so we can submit them to the lending agency for approval of our loan request.

Our Executive meeting will be February 5 at 7:00 P.M. at the Post's business office. You are encouraged to attend.

Our General Membership meeting will be February 20 at the DAV Building, Palmer Park and Peterson Road, 7:00 P.M. We encourage everyone to attend that meeting and participate in the Post's activities.

**OFFICERS**

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY McFADDEN
JR VICE COMMANDER	JEFF NEW
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
SGT-AT-ARMS	ROBERT MYNATT
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, 1956  
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
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00



**AUXILIARY NEWS**  
BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

Wouldn't you know the day of our first meeting of the New Year at our new time and place would be a cold snowy day!

If the weather kept you away, please try to come on February 20 at 1:00 P.M. at the Post business office. We need your input on what our Auxiliary can do for our Veterans and the children of Veterans.

You are invited to attend the Past Presidents' Parley luncheon to be at the Hometown Buffet on February 21 at 1:00 P.M. Hostess is Dot Dassero, Past President.

At this luncheon we honor our Past Presidents who have given so much of their time and wisdom to our Auxiliary. Each of us will buy our own lunch.

**MEETINGS**

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
DAY POST 426 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

**EDITOR**

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

**OFFICE**

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We donated a cake for the monthly luncheon at the Satellite Clinic on January 16. Our Post furnished the main meal served by Commander Harry Johnson and Adjutant Ann Foster.

My thanks to you faithful ladies who attended the January meeting. God bless you for helping "hold us together."

## ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

Coming up:

February 5: Executive meeting -  
6:30 P.M.  
February 20: Regular Meeting 1:00  
P.M.  
February 21: P.P.P. luncheon 1:00  
P.M.  
March 9: Department Oratorical  
Contest

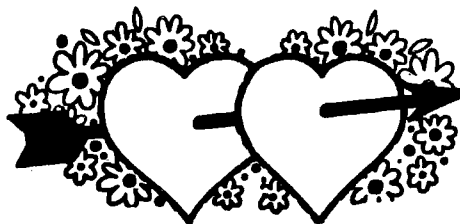
## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Auxiliary membership stands at 62%. Come on you laggards...get your membership into the office. Last year we ended up over 100% and we surely don't want to be under that this year.

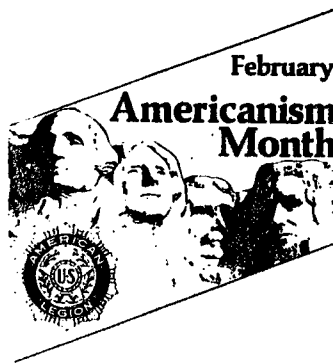
The Post is getting closer to a new Post Home and you will want to be a part of the celebration of that event. If you've been to meetings, you've seen the plans for the building. Think how nice it will be to have a place to

gather, meet with friends and be able to sponsor activities to benefit our veteran and children and youth programs. We will be able to have potluck dinners, have dinner dances, have our various celebration functions in our own building. The Post will need an active Auxiliary to carry out all its plans. Imagine how great that barren property is going to look with "our" great new building on it...nothing like it was at our Post picnic.

We have two Past Presidents who have not yet paid their past president's parley dues. Please come to the luncheon and pay your dues then. You two know who you are so we don't need to spend the postage to reach you, and you will be eating lunch that day someplace so please join us.



REMEMBER - IT'S TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR VALENTINE TO SEND IN YOUR DUES!!!



**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS**  
**ANN FOSTER**  
**ADJUTANT**

We now have 286 members. That puts us at better than 55%. If we can get 14 more, we will have 60%. As has been previously stated by the Commander and the Finance Officer, we need members to have a better voice for all veterans. But, even if you are not concerned about your fellow veterans, you should be concerned about yourself!

Last Thursday evening, 23 Jan 97, I attended a TRICARE briefing at the Air Force Academy. It is painfully obvious that we have some serious choices to make, if we are in the CHAMPUS category. Those 65 and older need to be enrolled in Medicare Part B. If you did not attend the briefing I did, then you need to go to the one that will be at McMahon Theater at Fort Carson on 1 Feb 97 starting at 8:00 am, or you need to call the Peterson AFB Clinic for their schedule. There are advantages and disadvantages to each of the TRICARE plans. You will have to make up your own mind about what you want to do, because each person and/or family's situation is unique to them. However, you need to get the brochure and get yourself set up to receive the forms now. Enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. If you prefer to be treated at the military treatment facility and you want to express that, you will be in competition with all of the rest of us

for the less than half slots that will be available to the total retiree eligible population in our area. The forms will be available 20 Feb 97 and retiree processing will start 3 Mar 97. If you wait until then, you will be looking at mostly all civilian providers and care, except where you can get medications, lab tests, etc. done at the military facility. Thus, the hour has come and now is the time to act!

I attended the Mid-Year Conference at Fort Collins and it was excellent. We received many reports from within and without The American Legion. I will try to cover the important highlights.

Boy's State will be at the University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, 8 - 14 Jun 97 and the cost will be \$150.00 per boy. Counselors are needed and the men do not have to belong to The Legion, so if you know of anyone who could do this, please contact John McCartney by calling 1-800-477-1655 and asking to be connected to him.

We had excellent reports from various VA representatives in our area and we can be thankful that they are able to do a good job with the resources they have at this time. However, they could do more, if we can convince Congress to vote for the GI Bill of Health.

The 1998 Mid-Year Conference and Department Convention will be at the Holiday Inn in Estes Park in order to get the best possible rates.

There will be a State Veterans Nursing Home and Domiciliary at the Fitzsimons campus in the future. VA plans an outpatient clinic for sometime this year. Many other users will be health care related. The Mayor of Aurora, Paul Tauer, received an award Saturday night at the banquet for his many efforts to insure the military was not forgotten in the plans for the Fitzsimons campus.

The Americanism chair, B. J. Runchel, reported that less than 49% of the nation's voters went to the polls the last election. Clinton was elected by less than 25%. Colorado voters did much better as they had 62% voting. He also stated the proponents of Amendment 11 are already at work to try something else in this area. We need to watch this and defeat it again.

More volunteers are needed by VA, both at the Hospital and at the Regional Office due to the many cutbacks they have had to implement.

There will be a Rededication of Post 2 in Pueblo on 16 Feb 97 at 2:00 pm. At this time the Post will be given the name, Ovie Vernon Post 2, in honor of our Past Department Commander, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, and National Executive Committeeman. Ovie was very active at levels of The American Legion and this is a wonderful to honor his service.

## TO THE BOSS

LADIES, WE HAVE AN AUXILIARY UNIT THAT COULD USE YOUR MEMBERSHIP. AND IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ASKED LET ME CORRECT THIS BY ASKING YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF CENTENNIAL UNIT 209.

WE KNOW THROUGHOUT HISTORY THAT ALL SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES AND BUSINESS SUCCEED BECAUSE OF THE WIVES. IT IS THE SAME WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION. WE NEED YOU.

THE COST OF AN AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP IS \$ 15.00 A YEAR WHICH SUPPORTS THE PROGRAMS OF THE AUXILIARY SUCH AS VETERAN SUPPORT AT THE FLORENCE NURSING HOME, VETERANS AT THE VA HOSPITAL AT FORT LYON AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE AUXILIARY.

I KNOW THAT THEY COULD USE YOUR HELP AND NEED YOUR IDEAS.

SOME OF THE BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE ARE INSURANCE, EYE CARE, PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM, AND AID TO WOMEN TO NAME A FEW. ANOTHER BENEFIT ONLY YOU CAN QUALIFY AS A BENEFIT IS THE MEETING OF NEW FRIENDS AND YOU NEVER KNOW YOU JUST MEET SOMEONE THAT YOU KNOW AND LIKE AT THE MEETING.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AT 590-1369 OR BARBARA JOHNSON AT 596-9261.

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
LEGION MEMBER

## TO THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY OF CENTENNIAL POST 209

I KNOW SOME MONTHS BACK I SAID I WOULD NOT BE WRITING ANYMORE COLUMNS, HOWEVER, I WAS ASKED ONCE AGAIN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LEGION FAMILY.

AS A POST WE HAVE BEEN DOING FAIRLY WELL IN SOME AREAS AND IN OTHERS WE ARE HURTING.

WHERE WE ARE DOING GOOD AT IS IN MEMBERSHIP. OUT OF THE 1996 MEMBERSHIP ONLY ABOUT 90 LEGIONNAIRES HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND THAT IS EXCELLENT. WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR MEMBERSHIP OF 1996 BUT WE STILL NEED YOU NINETY OR SO WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED TO DO SO. REMEMBER THE ULTIMATE BENEFACTORS ARE THE VETERANS THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING.

OUR GOAL TO BUILD A POST HOME IS GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER, AT THE LAST REPORT WE HAD ONLY TWO OR THREE CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT BIDS SO WE CAN START LOOKING FOR THE FUNDS TO BUILD. WE HAD A BRIEFING FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS CONCERNING SELLING OF TILES AS A FUND RAISER, SOMETHING LIKE THE TILES FOR THE WORLD ARENA.

WHERE WE ARE DOING POORLY IN, IS THE ATTENDANCE AT OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MEETING IS HELD AT THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS POST 26, LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF PALMER PARK AND PETERSON ROAD AT 7:00 P.M.. WE NEED YOUR ATTENDANCE AND INPUT TO THE POST, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE GET READY TO OPEN THE POST HOME AND LOUNGE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

## BINGO

FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES, THE ONLY FUND RAISER THAT WE HAVE WHICH IS THE GAME OF BINGO IS IN NEED OF YOUR HELP.

WE HAVE FAIRLY GOOD CROWDS BUT I DON'T HAVE THE WORKERS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE TO THE CUSTOMER.

WHERE WE ARE PARTICULARLY HURTING IS IN THE AREA OF THE CALLER. IF WE DON'T HAVE A CALLER WE CANNOT CONDUCT THE GAME.

IF YOU HAVE 2 TO 2 1/2 HOURS TO SPARE ONCE A MONTH WOULD BE A GREAT HELP AND YOU WOULD GET TO MEET SOME FRIENDLY PEOPLE..

PLEASE GIVE CALL LARRY JOHNSON AT 590-1369 ANY TIME AFTER 4 P.M.

## AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

EVERY YEAR IN MARCH WE CELEBRATE THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

**I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR WIFE TO ATTEND THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER. ]**

**PLEASE RESERVE THE THIRD OR FOURTH SATURDAY IN MARCH AND COME DOWN AND ENJOY THE ACTIVITES.**

**THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS ACTIVITY. THERE WILL BE A DINNER SERVED AND WE ARE LOOKING INTO GETTING SOME ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOU ENJOYMENT.**

LARRY L JOHNSON  
FINANCE OFFICER

# February 1997

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5  7:00 PM EXECUTIVE MEETING	6	7  6:00 PM BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	8
9	10 8:00 PM 40 & 8 PROMENADE POST 5	11	12	13	14  6:00 PM BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	15
16	17 7:00 PM 8 & 40 MTG POST 5	18	19	20 1:00 PM AUX GEN MBRSHIP MTG  7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	21  6:00 PM BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	22
23	24	25	26	27	28  6:00 PM BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	