



CENTENNIAL 209 NEWSLETTER

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**FROM THE COMMANDER
CHARLES ZEITVOGEL**

Nomination Committee Appointed.

A Nomination Committee was appointed at the January General Membership meeting. Their task is to find candidates to be voted upon to fill officer positions this next year. Bill Marshall is Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Norm Moyer and Robert Rydell are the other two members. You are invited to contact one of the committee members with names of individuals that you believe would be good leaders for Post 209 in the coming year. All officer positions are open for consideration.

This committee is to present a list of names for consideration at the March 20th General Membership meeting. These names will be published in the April newsletter and at the April 17th General Membership meeting nominations may be offered from the floor. Voting for new officers will take place at the May General Membership meeting and the new officers will be installed at the June 19th General Membership meeting or other appropriate venue.

It is vital that good qualified people be elected to serve the Post's membership. Again, please contact one of the three individuals on the nomination committee by phone or letter to the office as to the individuals you would like to have nominated for one of the officer positions.

**Happy
Valentines
Day**

Department Mid-Year Convention Re-cap.

Your American Legion Centennial Post 209 was well represented at the Department Mid-Year Conference January 24-26 by Ann Foster, Adjutant, Larry Johnson, Judge Advocate, Bill Marshall, Historian, Francis Redington, Past Commander Neal Thomas, Post Executive Committeeman, and Chuck Zeitvogel, Commander.

The conference was held at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel, 2886 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs. Legionnaires from throughout Colorado attended.

Items of concern addressed included: Need for Strong Membership, timely Medical Care in VA Facilities - ("I'm Not A Number" program) and having Mandatory vs. Discretionary funding for VA facilities, Concurrent Pay for retired veterans with disabilities, reports by various sub-committees. Training sessions were held those involved in Boys State, Legion Baseball, The American Legion Oratorical Contest, and for Adjutants.

The Media Awards Banquet was impressive. They shared what was accomplished as organizations and on individual levels. Major General Michael Rochelle, US Army, was the Key Note Speaker and gave a very personal assessment of the status of armed forces personnel and the tremendous spirit of volunteerism that exists in the United States today. He also spoke on how patriotism is currently impacted in the United States. Truly, it was a Key Note Speech to be heard.

Other details of this mid-year conference will be available at the General membership meeting February 20th. As a side note, District 7 officers are expected to be making one of the semi-annual visits to Post 209 at this General membership meeting.

**Post 209
2002-2003 OFFICERS**

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Sr. Vice Cdr.	Norman Moyer
Jr. Vice Cdr.	Greg Andries
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Historian	Bill Marshall
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas
DUES	\$ 30.00

**Auxiliary Unit 209 Officers
2002-2003**

President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sergeant at Arms	Ruth Hornik
DUES	\$ 15.00

MEETINGS

Board of Trustees – 1st Thursday 6:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104
Executive Committee Meeting to follow
Post Membership Meeting – 7:00 P.M. VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave.

Board of Trustees

Chairman (3 yr)	Neal Thomas
Secretary (2 yr)	Alton Cyriaque
Finance Officer (1 yr)	Gideon Diamon
Commander (1 yr)	Charles Zeitvogel
Member (3 yr)	Larry Johnson
Member (2 yr)	Francis Redington
Member (1 yr)	Ann Foster
Meets on the 1 st Thursday before the Post Executive Committee Meeting at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy Ste 104	

Membership Eligibility Dates

World War I April 6, 1917 – 11 November 1918
World War II December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
Korean War June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Vietnam War February 28, 1961 – May 7 1975
Grenada & Lebanon August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
Panama December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
Persian Gulf August 2, 1990 – Until the end of hostilities as set by Congress

Committees

Planning/Budget and Public Relations	Chuck Zeitvogel 719-531-0546
Membership	Norman Mopyer 719-392-3725
Program and Social Activities	Greg Andries 719-636-3346
Americanism/Youth/Sc outing/Jr. ROTC & Marksmanship	Francis Redington 719-471-3925
Boys State & Oratorical Contest	Bill Marshall 719-495-0088
Legislative & National Security	Neal Thomas 719-392-1510
Veterans Affairs	Tom Morant
Rehabilitation	Howard Hornik 719-596-6345
(Club) Land Use, Care & Development	Greg Andries 719-636-3346
ADHOC	COMMITTEES
Constitution and By Law	Neal Thomas 719-392-1510
Property Inventory Office Storage	Ann Foster 719-599-8624 Larry Johnson 719-622-0344
Donation Request	Neal Thomas 719-392-1510
Auxiliary Liaison	
Sons of The American Legion	Larry Johnson 719-622-0344





FROM THE COMMANDER CHARLES ZEITVOGEL

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Bingo Discontinued.

Bingo has been discontinued as a source of income for your American Legion Centennial Post 209 as of January 28, 2003. Why, you may ask? Simple - lack of member support for assisting with Bingo games - the primary source of revenue for paying office space rent and funding your Post activities. The request for help has been stated many, many times in the past in newsletters articles over the past years.

Those requests have been ignored. Help has not been forthcoming. Now, due to this lack of member support in working the Bingo games they are discontinued. Those members who worked diligently and faithfully over the past years are "burned out". They are no longer willing to carry the workload for the many who choose not to be active participants in activities sponsored by your American Legion Centennial Post 209.

The question now is how to keep going with the limited income generated from membership dues. Everyone's ideas and thoughts are now needed to resolve this issue. Please contact the Post Commander or any member of the Board of Trustees either by letter or telephone - leave a voice message on the office recorder.



Here's a town living up to its name. For the cost of postage, you can have your sweetie's valentine stamped with the special Loveland, CO. postmark and poem. The city's re-mailing program began as a PR stunt in 1947 and today averages 300,000 cards each February. Send pre-stamped, pre-addressed valentines in a larger envelope to Postmaster, Attention: Valentines USPS, Loveland, CO 80538. Cards must be received by February 9 for on time delivery.

American Legion Birthday Celebration:

The Annual Birthday party for The American Legion and Centennial Post 209 will be held on Saturday, 15 March 2003. We will once again hold this function at American Legion Post 5, 15 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs. The activities will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a get together and meet everyone. The call to order will be at 6:45 P.M. And dinner is to be served at 7:00 P.M.

The members of Centennial 209 offers the invitation to come on down and join in with this celebration of The American Legion Birthday.

The menu will consist of: ham, baked potato, sweet potato with marshmallows and brown sugar, mixed vegetables, salad, and ice cream for dessert.

There is no charge for the meal. We would like you to make your reservation by calling Greg Andries at 719-636-3346 by 13 March 2002. This is to insure that Larry Johnson (the cook) will not run out of food because he didn't know how many are coming.

Following the dinner there will be an initiation of new members. If you haven't attended one before, you really can't miss this. I can assure you that it is fine ceremony that provides information on The American Legion.

Valentines Day:

Don't forget that the 14th of February is Valentines Day.

Don't forget to get that someone special a gift to show them how much you Love them.



Sons of The American Legion :

Together The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary, The American Legion Junior Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as the American Legion Family.

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion.

The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion.

All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship. Sons have always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family programs. Our Family boasts a combined total membership of nearly 4.2 million members. This year, Sons attained an all time high national membership of over 240,000. The largest Detachment (Indiana) has over 28,000 members. Trophies and awards are given to Detachments and Squadrons for the largest membership and the largest increase in membership.

Just as each Legion post determines the extent of its service to the community, state, and nation, each S.A.L. squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet its own needs.

The S.A.L. has study programs recommended for younger members. One such program, called "The Ten Ideals," teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence, and comradeship. If a member completes the Ten Ideals program, he is eligible to continue with another program called the "Five-Point Program of Service." This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership, and Legionism.

Sons focus on much more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their Posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth

projects, and fund raising.

In just the past ten years, Sons have raised more than a million dollars for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Members volunteered over 170,000 hours in 2000 in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$700,000 that went directly to VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment, and clothing for the patients.

There are many men who are members of both, The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion. Often, these individuals started out as young members of the Sons. Then, when they were old enough to serve the military, they also became eligible to join The Legion. Such individuals are known within our organization as dual members.

The Sons of The American Legion is one of many organizations that sponsors and supports the Citizen Flag Alliance, a coalition formed to secure flag protection legislation through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. S.A.L. volunteers work to establish local networks by having petitions available and handing out informational material. They alert their communities to the importance of respect for the flag and they encourage flag education programs in schools and other local organizations.

The dues in Sons of The American Legion (SAL) are currently set at \$ 15.00 a year.

The Post is trying to bring our Squadron back together and would like to have your sons and grandson's membership.

Please call Larry Johnson at 719-622-0344 for further information.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate."

- Thomas Jones -

Dates that you should know for Activities & Participation

6 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste. 104 6:30 P.M. Executive Committee follows
14 Feb	Valentines Day
20 Feb	Membership Meeting – VFW Post 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M.
6 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste. 104 6:30 P.M. Executive Committee follows
8 Mar	Department Oratorical Contest – USC Boulder, all day event. Come see what is happening with our Future Leaders
15 Mar	American Legion Birthday Party American Legion Post 5, 15 E. Platte Ave. 6:30 PM
20 Mar	Membership Meeting – VFW Post 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M.
3 Apr	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste. 104 6:30 P.M. Executive Committee follows
17 Apr	Membership Meeting – VFW Post 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M. Election of Officers
1 May	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste. 104 6:30 P.M. Executive Committee follows
15 May	Membership Meeting – VFW Post 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M.
5 Jun	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste. 104 6:30 P.M. Executive Committee follows
19 Jun	Membership Meeting – VFW Post 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M.
26-29 Jun	Department Convention – Sheraton Hotel, Circle and I - 25

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT SEEKS YOUR HISTORIES

Zebulon Pike Chapter of the DAR is participating in the Veterans History Project, an initiative of the Library of Congress's American Folklore Center

We are issuing a special call to all veterans, (male and female), defense workers, wartime volunteers and home front supporters to record their personal stories and experiences for long term preservation in the Library of Congress and other trusted repositories.

Please help our chapter, Zebulon Pike, participate in this very worthwhile project, by volunteering to have your memories and personal stories video taped by one of our members.

If interested in volunteering or just need more information, please call: Trica Jackson 719-540-8095, Lynda Rataczak 719-574-3080, or Susan Luksic 719-574-5079.

Do the thing you love NOW!

These are tips from top career experts that can help you create your dream job.

THINK: ME -Strike selfish from your vocabulary. Changing to a career you love is not selfish, it's necessary.

TAKE FIVE - The recession means the major costs are down. Also, to give yourself time to create a business plan, consider taking a sabbatical.

USE IT OR LOSE IT - Spend 10% of your search online and 90% using traditional methods.

GET DIRECTIONS - The Small Business Administration can help you write a business plan, apply for a loan, or get mentored for free by an expert who used to be in the same business.

"MAKE NICE" - Tell everyone you know you're looking for a particular kind of job. A whopping 65% of successful searches are a result of family, friends and business associates. The reason: People who hire feel more comfortable with personal referrals and generally ask for them. Many jobs never make the want ads.

LEARN THE WORST - Contact noncompeting stores in other states and ask the owners for the five best and five worst things they did when starting out. Get free personalized business advice by calling National Association for the Self-Employed at 800-232-6273 (ask for Shop Talk).

DON'T ASK WHY - Asking why you should pursue your passion lead to self-doubt and questioning of ability. Instead, ask "WHY NOT?"

From Reader's Digest