



American Legion
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ITEM 1: Business ! Business ! Business ! This year is starting out with a lot of irons in the fire. We have important information in the following items concerning a formal initiation ceremony, the Annual Oratory Contest, Membership renewals and recruitment including a new benefit incentive available to members of Centennial Post 209. Please read on and help in any way you can---you make the post; we all need the support of each other.

ITEM 2: Formal Initiation Ceremony and Banquet. There will be no regular meeting of the post this month. The meeting will be pre-empted by a Buffet Dinner followed by a formal initiation ceremony. This event is to take place at the A F Academy NCO Club on Saturday, January 28, 1984. A cash bar will be open at 6:30 PM with the buffet dinner (sit-down) at 7:30 PM. The initiation ceremony should start not later than 9 PM and last about one hour including introduction of guests and any comments they may care to make. Cost will be held to a maximum of \$10.00 per person and probably less. Payment may be made at the party; however, it is imperative that we have a headcount not later than 12 noon on Jan.25,1984. Every effort will be made to separate the smokers and non-smokers to insure the comfort of both. Post 209 Legionaires-I have been instructed by the membership attending the December open meeting to emphasize that this initiation ceremony is a very important rite and it should be something anticipated by every member. The consensus was that participation is this significant rite of the Legion---one of the few we have---is a duty of every Legionaire so that they will acquire the knowledge of the why and wherefore of our esteemed emblem and our heritage. I urge each of you---whether or not you have been previously initiated--- to participate in this ceremony. Transportation and other

arrangements can be made on an individual basis. Do not let that be a deterrent to your participation. Please call one of the 209 Legionnaires confirming your reservation. We are committed to a minimum of 50 people for the buffet so we must have a good turn out and no last minute cancellations. Please call your confirmation to:

Wally Lonsinger	596-0194
David Thomas	392-1036
Max Hoyer	597-3498 (after 5 PM)
Bud Eberhart	597-1902

ITEM 3: 1984 Oratory Contest. Our Oratory Committee did a bang-up job this year and we have contestants. As of this writing we have some 8 students representing Doherty High School and Emerson Jr. High. Wally Lonsinger, our Adjutant, John Gaillard, our Service Officer, and myself are working with Bill Battin to organize our Post Contest. The date is set for 1:30 PM on Sunday, Jan. 29 (the day after the initiation ceremony). We are still looking for a suitable place to hold the contest—and, of course, we need judges, tabulators, escorts, etc. to do the many tasks required to make this thing come off. Please, if you are contacted try to see your way clear to fill in in some capacity. Even if you aren't contacted but can offer your services we would be most appreciative. If you know of a suitable place where the contest can be held please let me know.

ITEM 4: Membership. If you have not renewed your membership by this time you are fast becoming delinquent for the 83-84 Legion year. As I go over the roll I note that several of our charter members did not renew for the 82-83 Legion year. To keep your membership continuous please renew for both annual periods by doubling the \$18.00 now due. Also - remember to get a new member. We are very close to our membership goal. Let's get the job done.

ITEM 5: New Membership Benefit. Perhaps, when trying to get a young veteran to become a member of our post, you have been asked "What will the Legion do for me?" Now we can give a reply that will be of immediate benefit to that prospective member. I have been informed by the President of the Ent Federal Credit Union that all paid-up members of Centennial Post 209

are eligible for membership in and can use all services and facilities of the Ent Federal Credit Union (EFCU) by showing proof of Post 209 membership (your current membership card) and completing the necessary EFCU application forms. EFCU is federally insured and protected and offers complete banking services including share drafts (checking with interest) accounts, shares (savings) accounts, loans (personal, auto, home second mortgage, etc.), IRA accounts, Certificates of Deposit, Daily Cash Fund Accounts, etc. Interest paid compares with or exceeds that of commercial banks and S & L institutions. Interest charged on loans is the lowest that can be found. And remember, your membership and that of your family continues as long as you maintain \$5.00 in your share account. This is a real plus - something tangible that is offered immediately with membership in our post. Let's all emphasize and take advantage of it.

ITEM 6: I hope all of you had a nice holiday season and that the New Year brings with it the fulfillment of all your hopes and dreams. The economy gives every impression of continuing its positive trend and for that we can all be a little thankful. Perhaps our dollars will go a little further than they have in the past. Also, let us all remember our military personnel serving under adverse conditions. We have all shared their discomforts and some of their dangers when we too were among their honored ranks. We owe them our respect and thanks.

For God and Country,

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