



# Centennial Post 209

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## NEWSLETTER

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POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH THE NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 10, 1989.

POST MEETING 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, THE NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 19, 1989

### Commanders Comments:

ITEM 1: Our meeting on 15 December 1988 consisted of a Christmas Party. The weather didn't do us any favors but we had a nice turn-out of about 30 members and their families and guests. There was a lot of delicious food brought in by those in attendance and the Post provided spicy pork barbecue sandwiches and rolls and baked ham. Too bad most of our membership couldn't make it as we ate our fill, confirmed our camaraderie and in, general had a festive time. In the future, please try to make our meeting --- especially when we celebrate on occasions such as this.

ITEM 2: My sincere thanks to all of you (and your families) who came in on the Saturday preceding the Christmas party to help clean and decorate. You did a beautiful job. The Post Home looked like a Post Home dressed for the occasion. Larry Johnson called it the 'First Annual Post Decorating Party' and that's what it was. Both the adults and kids had a lot of laughs decorating the Post Home with the trees and decorations brought in as gifts to be used as long as they last. I won't try to list names of the donees but thank you and God bless you-one and all. We are going to have more of these occasions and we want all our membership to participate even if its only at parties such as this.

ITEM 3: The Executive Committee has appointed Bob La Frenierre as the driving force to get the Post Home in operation. He has contacted vendors, insurance agents, compiled estimates, contacted suppliers, questioned bar operators, etc. At our next Executive Committee meeting he is going to go over the package he has compiled so that a firm plan can be presented to the general membership for approval. Thanks, Bob, you are doing a great job. And John Kovar, too, for his diligence in proceeding with our liquor license application.

ITEM 4: MEMBERSHIP---Take out your membership card and if the year printed in the upper right hand corner reads 1988 you are rapidly becoming delinquent. Please renew now. The Legion needs you to assist, through your continued membership, in protecting your rights, privileges and benefits as military veterans. Please renew now.

Last, but not least, I hope all of you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. If any of you are in need of assistance, please let me know. Your call will be confidential and any assistance the Post can render will be handled with discretion.

Please read Senior Vice Commander Larry Johnson's input to this newsletter. He will go into detail on a number of things affecting us as Legionnaires and as a Post.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

MAX HOYER  
COMMANDER

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## FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and that the New Year started out good for all.

It is the beginning of a New Year for everyone, but the American Legion's New Year started in July of 1988. It was at this time that renewal cards were sent out to all members of the American Legion requesting that everyone renew their membership for the Legion Year 1989. To date we have had approximately 130 Legionnaires renew their membership. Membership dues were due by the 20th of December 1988 in order to avoid being delinquent which all Legionnaires who have not renewed are currently being carried. I would like to ask all those Legionnaires who have not renewed their 1989 membership to do so immediately. By doing so now we can still renew your membership for the upcoming year.

Recently a Legionnaire asked what do our dues do for the American Legion. I have researched this question and would like to give you what I have found so far. Our dues are \$20.00 per year, of that \$20.00, \$5.00 are retained by the Post in order to keep the administrative portion of the Post going, such as the news letters and mailings to the prospective new members. The other \$15.00 are forwarded to the Department Of Colorado where \$3.00 dollars are maintained by the Department to fund the different Programs of the American Legion, some of which are the Oratorical Contest that is held everyone year, The Americanism and Children and Youth Programs. In addition the Monthly Newspaper "The Legionnaire" is sent to every member within the Department of Colorado as well as the VA Hospitals. The \$12.00 that is sent to the National Organization is also used to fund The Programs of the American Legion (but on a broader range than the Post and the Department), Children and Youth Programs, Oratorical Contests and their Scholarships, as well as the Life Insurance Programs that are offered to us. This money is also utilized to recruit new members into the American Legion Family.

As you can see the dues are important to the American Legion and its Programs as without these programs the American Legion would not be able to offer the Scholarships to the Youth of our Nation. I hope that I have answered the question that was posed if not please get in touch with me and I will try to find out more information for you.

For those Legionnaires <sup>who</sup> ~~would~~ opted to go with the American Legion Life Insurance Program. Unless your membership was renewed before December 20th 1988, you will have to reapply for this insurance when you renew your dues for 1989. If you renewed your membership before December 20, 1988 you do not have to reapply. If you have questions or require further information please contact either me at 574-0646 or the Commander at 597-3498.

As I informed you in past letters we have some important upcoming events within the American Legion. There is New Year's Day and I hope that everyone brings in the New Year in a manner that benefits is brings joy to all. February is Oratorical Month with many contests being conducted through out the nation. This year the Scholarships for the winner have been raised but over all the American Legion will award over one hundred <sup>THOUSAND</sup> dollars in scholarships to students for the purpose of continuing their education <sup>and</sup> thereby helping to develop our future leaders. In March the American Legion will celebrate its Birthday. This year we will celebrate 70 years of providing assistance to the Nation's Veterans and their families. Look in next month newsletter for more details.

Very shortly the Post will be gathering to perform a very important function within the American Legion, we will be electing and appointing the officers of the Post. These members are the ones who will guide our Post to new heights and in the spirit of Family togetherness will do this with the guidance of all concerned members. But the only way that they can perform this guidance is through input from the members of the Post. If you have something that you would like to see happen within the Post, Please either attend one of the meeting and share this input or if you<sup>are</sup> unable to attend a meeting please with all speed jot it down in a letter and send to the Post so that<sup>it</sup> can come up with a plan not only for the rest of this American Legion Year but also can use this for planning in the future.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

**AUXILIARY CORNER...JANUARY 1989**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

**Hello Ladies,**

In our last meeting in November we had as our guests the District 7 Officers who gave us a lot of input. We have several money making ideas such as Chili Supper, Recipe Book, Flea Market to name a few. Everyone needs to be thinking about these and when would be a good time to have them so we can set dates at the next meeting. Remeber to bring in your cans and glass jars for recycling.

We welcome two new members to our Unit, Vi Herath and Lenora Ryles. Memebrship is looking great and we are near our goal. Keep up the good work.

December 10th was the date of the Christmas Decorating Party. We had quite a few ladies turn out. I would like to thank everyone who came and helped out and donated their time. I would also like to thank everyone who supported us by coming to the Christmas Party on the 17th of December. Those who missed it missed a fun time.

I hope evereyone had a very Merry Christmas Party and wish everyone a Happy New Year

MARGERY JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR POST 209

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

JANUARY 1989

- 1 JANUARY 1989 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 10 JANUARY 1989 POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM. HELD AT POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
- 15 JANUARY 1989 DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING, POST 209, LOCATED IN THE RUSTIC HILLS MALL SOUTH, ACADEMY BLVD, AND PALMER PARK
- 19 JANUARY 1989 POST MEETING at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM.

FEBRUARY 1989

- 5 FEBRUARY 1989 Oratorical Contest, Post Completion date,  
12 FEBRUARY 1989 Oratorical Contest, District Completion date,  
19 FEBRUARY 1989 Oratorical Contest, Area Completion date,  
26 FEBRUARY 1988 Oratorical Contest, Department Contest,
- 12 FEBRUARY 1989 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- 14 FEBRUARY 1989 VALENTINES DAY
- 14 FEBRUARY 1989 POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM. HELD AT POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
- 15 FEBRUARY 1989 POST MEETING at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM. Appointment of Selection Committee for Post Officers for Upcoming year.

MARCH 1989

- 12 MARCH 1989 DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING, Post 5, 15 East Platte Avenue
- 14 MARCH 1989 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM. HELD AT POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
- 16 MARCH 1989 POST MEETING at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM. Come out and meet and visit with the District Commander and the Officers of District Seven
- 17 MARCH 1989 ST PATRICK'S DAY
- 19 MARCH 1989 PALM SUNDAY
- 24 MARCH 1989 GOOD FRIDAY
- 26 MARCH 1989 EASTER SUNDAY

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**AMERICAN LEGION  
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**INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

**WHAT: REGULAR MEETING**

**WHEN: 19 JANUARY 1989**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**WHERE: POST HOME**

**LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD  
ACADEMY BLVD AND PALMER PARK**

**POINT OF CONTACT:**

**LARRY L JOHNSON 574-0646**

**SEE YOU THERE**