

HAPPY' NEW YEAR

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I would hope that everyone had a safe Holiday and brought the New Year in with the normal enthusiasm. We had a very good year this past year and with your help we will have an even better year this year. We defenitely have a lot to look forward to this coming New Year.

At the January meeting scheduled for the 18th of the month we will be initiat-ing new Legionnaires into the American Legion. I am asking that those members of Centennial Post 209 who have not received an American Legion lapel pin to please attend this meeting. On that same evening of the 18th the club will serve ham hocks and beans starting at 6:00 P.M. and will continue to do so until the start of the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

In February I have asked the Auxiliary to start planning on a Sweetheart Dance. More information will follow as it becomes available.

In March we of course have St. Patrick's Day and the Anniversary of the founding of the American Legion. We are planning events to commemorate both. For April and Easter egg hunt for children of Auxiliary members and Sons

of the American Legion is also in the planning stages. Your input into any of the above activities is welcome and valued.

Coming up also are the election of Officers for the American Legion year of 1990-1991. At the January meeting I will be forming an Nominations Committee. Anyone interested in running for an office in Post 209 should contact me at 574-0646 or drop off a note here at the Post with their name and number and I will contact them.

After the 1st of January the bartenders will be asking to see each members 1990 membership card when you walk into the club. This practice will continue until the bartenders recognize you as a legitimate dues paying 1990 member. Please bear with us for any undue inconvenience this may cause.

During the month of January Wednesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until closing the Post will host "Ladies Night." Drinks for the ladies will be half price.

The Christmas party of the 16th of December was a limited success. We had approximately 50 Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and their families in attendance. The food was great and the ham, roast beef, chicken and pork roast were enjoyed by all. Music was provided by the Ambush Brothers. We did have quite a bit of food left over probably due to the fact a lot of other events are also going on at the same time for Legionnaires and their families.

Finally I hope everyone has had a good and pleasant Holiday these past few weeks. Mark your calendars now and make time to be at <u>our</u> next meeting on January 18, 1990, 7:00 P.M.

Larry L. Johnson Post Commander

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: (Tom Gross)

I would like to thank all of you have renewed or joined our Post this last year; we are nearing our membership goal for 1990 but we need all of you to renew to carry us over the top. Also remember that a Life Membership can eliminate this annual ordeal and an installment pay plan is available. Contact any Post Officer for more information. Lets make the 1990's a new decade to grow and prosper for American Legion Post #209.

SPECIAL NOTE

Tom Gross and Al Cordova are the new Editors of this newsletter. We would ask that any item for publication be received no later than the 25th of the preceeding month for publication in the following month's newsletter. We are easily reached at our office 2555 Airport Road or by phone at 473-6220. Thank you -- Tom & Al.