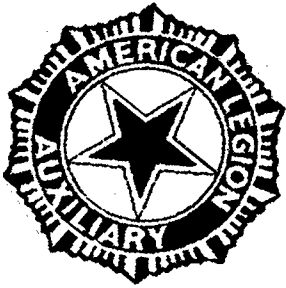


CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION



"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

JANUARY 1993

**A MEMO TO ALL LEGIONNAIRES
FROM BRUCE THIESEN,
NATIONAL COMMANDER**

**SUBJECT: CALL TO ACTION ON
POW/MIA ISSUE**

The American Legion has taken a leadership role in the complex struggle to liberate or account for American POW/MIAs from Vietnam, Korea, the Cold War and World War II. Today, we face a major crisis calling for immediate action by millions of Legionnaires.

Press articles and other indicators point toward the likelihood that President Clinton will soon, after consulting with the Congress, end the U.S. economic embargo against Vietnam. President Clinton has repeatedly stated that the embargo would remain in effect until Hanoi significantly increases its cooperation, and the fullest possible accounting of POWs and MIAs has been accomplished. However, it now appears that a small group of his advisors will recommend the embargo be lifted since they believe Hanoi is truly cooperating.

If the economic embargo is lifted, the United States will have no leverage left to compel meaningful cooperation in resolving the POW/MIA issue by Vietnam. We urge you to pull out all the stops and immediately mobilize as many Legionnaires as possible to write to President Clinton and their Senators and Representatives.

The essential message should be:

- To keep faith with American POW/MIAs and their families, do not lift the embargo until Hanoi provides the fullest possible accounting, which is defined as turning over live prisoners, repatriating remains of those who were killed in action or died in captivity, or providing a valid conclusive report why neither is possible.
- The embargo is the only "stick" available to the U.S. Government to compel Hanoi's long overdue POW/MIA cooperation.
- Increasing amounts of credible evidence continue to surface that Vietnam and Laos did not return all American POW/MIAs during Operation Homecoming in 1973.
- Documents obtained from Russia substantiate that Vietnam held hundreds more American POWs than Hanoi ever publicly acknowledged.

It is important that The American Legion and other veterans act now to let Washington know "Grassroots Americans" and "Blue Cap" Legionnaires demand the President and Congress keep faith with the POWs and MIAs, their families and members of the active military services.

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DUES \$20.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT BARBARA JOHNSON
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HISTORIAN HILDA PIFER
CHAPLAIN MARIA SANDOVAL
SGT-AT-ARMS IREANA CAMPBELL

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO

FROM HARRY JOHNSON, FIRST VICE COMMANDER

The plan to go to Cripple Creek for the evening on January 22, has been postponed to February 19. The postponement is due to the closing of the club and the late distribution of the newsletter this month.

The bus will leave from 1337 N. Academy (old Post Home) at 5:00 P.M. and return at approximately 11 P.M.

The trip up and back will be free along with a full meal of prime rib, ribeye steak or catch of the day, salad, veggie and pie, and two free drinks along with a fun book.

We must have at least 30 people make the trip. There is a cash deposit required of \$10.00 per person which will be returned to you at the casino when we arrive. The deposit has to be in by February 5. You can call me at 596-9261, and I'll arrange to meet with you, or you can get the money to Ann at the new business office of the Post, or bring it to the general membership meeting on January 20.

This will be a fun time so get your reservation in now.

CENTENNIAL POST 209
1337 N. ACADEMY BLVD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

As we enter 1994, I am happy to report that we went beyond 75% of our membership goal. We only need 8 more to make 80%. However, all dues paid from now on will need to be at the new rate of \$25.00. What is especially important for the 127 who have not renewed is that this will be your last newsletter unless you renew by the end of this month. Give yourselves a New Year's present insuring that you will be able to continue to receive all of your benefits as an American Legion member by renewing soon.

I had the pleasure of viewing two important sites while on Christmas leave in the Washington, DC area. I was able to tour The American Legion Washington headquarters. Gerald May, a member of our Post, who works in the Legislative office, was my host. I was very impressed by the professionalism of the personnel and the place itself. We can be very proud of the work being accomplished by this part of our National staff. Come to Mid-Year and meet Gerald May; he will be making a presentation at that event. The second site was the recently dedicated Vietnam Women's Memorial. I was moved by the statue and its location on the grounds of the Washington mall. Glenna Goodacre, sculptor, did a remarkable job of capturing the concern of the women during this period of conflict. If you are in the area, be sure to visit this memorial.

Now for the reason you are receiving this month's newsletter a bit later than usual. A vote was taken at the Executive Committee meeting on 5 January to hold the next General Membership meeting at Calvary United Methodist at the northeast corner of Austin Bluffs Parkway and Beverly Place. The church is a large facility across from Burger King and

the Conoco station on the south side of Austin Bluffs and Beverly Place. There is ample parking here and we will be able to do potlucks. There is a covered entrance on the East side of the building. Inside that door is a white board which will tell what room we are meeting in. We also have directional signs and/or guides available to show you the way. Since the rate at Calvary is very low for service organizations and the facility can handle us, and is in our geographical area, it was felt we should see how we like it.

We have also completed the lease for the office space and will be moving in soon. The address is 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste 104. This is across from Cub Foods on the south side. As you face the two buildings in this location, we are in the one on the right or west side, on the lower level. There is a handicapped entrance on the left side that goes directly to our suite. I will be maintaining different hours once the move is complete. We will be have a new telephone number and the information service will provide that. We will also publish it in the newsletter. Additionally, Santa Claus provided the office with a telephone answering machine for those times the office is not staffed or I am away from the telephone.

Finally, I am happy to report the completion of two important events. First, Christmas baskets were delivered to 12 families over the holidays. Chairman Regina Bufkin stated they were able to provide enough food for a Christmas dinner and one additional meal. Secondly, our auction at the Rustic Hills Mall location was successfully conducted by our member, Bill Carter. Bill has 36 years experience as an auctioneer and we were certainly glad to be beneficiaries of his expertise.

AUXILIARY NEWS

FROM THE AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT - BARBARA JOHNSON

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Christmas Party was fun with good food and fellowship for those who attended. I felt a twinge of sorrow to think it was our last social function in our Post Home.

I am looking forward to a New Year filled with challenges for our Auxiliary. I hope you will support us during this time. We need your support now like we have never before. Without you we are nothing.

Please note the Bakeless Bake Sale letter. Support your Unit by contributing whatever you can. Thank you.

We will be meeting on our regular meeting night, the third Thursday at 7:00 P.M., this month at Calvary United Methodist Church on Austin Bluffs Parkway. Ann has given explicit directions in the Adjutant's column. Executive meeting will be held in the new office (again see Ann's column) at 7:00 P.M., the first Wednesday.

Mid-Year Conference will be January 28-29-30 at the Hilton Inn here in Colorado Springs.

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

Only sixty of our eight-nine members have renewed this year. As Barbara says above, we really need your support now. With the Clubhouse closing, we have no way of holding money-making activities and your dues and participation are doubly important. We are sponsoring a bakeless bake sale (flyer enclosed) in order to come up with the funds for our parties at the Florence

Nursing Home, participation at the Satellite Clinic, and other veteran's programs. We've had to cut back on some of our Children and Youth contributions and since these activities are what we're all about, we must not let this happen. We need you.

The El Paso County Office of Veteran and Military Affairs has written seeking volunteers who would be interested in providing transportation for needy people. These people need to be transported throughout the month for medical appointments and hospital follow-ups. They would like to establish one-to-one relationships, men with men and women with women.

Please call, if you can assist, Mr. Bud Sailer, Manager, 719-444-5625.

SALON 422 8 ET 40

Salon 422 of the 8&40 will hold its regular meeting at Post 5, January 17, 7:30 P.M. Ireana Campbell will hostess this meeting.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
IN OUR
BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

A LOT OF NEWS WE HAVE TODAY
A BAKELESS BAKE SALE IS ON THE WAY.
IN THESE BUSY DAYS, NOW WHO WOULD BAKE
PIES AND COOKIES, OR EVEN A CAKE?

YOU'D BE SURPRISED IF YOU COUNTED THE COST
OF MATERIAL, HEAT AND TIME YOU HAVE LOST.
NOW, COOKING FOR SALES IS EXTRA WORK
YET NO ONE REALLY WANTS TO SHIRK.

SO, WE'RE USING A PLAN THAT'S REALLY GRAND
AND FEEL SURE YOU WILL GIVE US A HAND.
WE'RE NOT ASKING AN AMOUNT OF PIES? CAKES???
JUST SEND THE PRICE??? NOW WON'T THAT BE GREAT!

WITHOUT FUSS OR BOTHER YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART.
WE'RE SURE YOU'LL GIVE WITH A WILLING HEART.
AND WITH YOUR HELP, WHICH IS SURELY THE BEST,
WE KNOW OUR "BAKELESS BAKE SALE" WILL BE A SUCCESS.

Please send your donations to:

Barbara Johnson, President
American Legion Auxiliary
4045 Haven Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Your cooperation in making this unique sale a BIG SUCCESS is deeply appreciated. Thank you!!



**CRIPPLE CREEK
TRIP**

FEB. 19, 1994

**LEAVE FROM RUSTIC HILLS
PARKING LOT AT 5:00 PM
AND RETURN BACK 11:00 PM**

**FREE DINER WITH CHOICE OF PRIME RIB,
RIBEYE OR CATCH OF THE DAY, VEGGIES,
POTATO, SALAD, DESERT AND FIXINGS**

**COST IS \$ 10.00 PERSON
(REFUNDABLE AT CRIPPLE CREEK)
RESERVATIONS BY JAN 9 BY CALLING
THE POST 591-1952 OR BY CALLING
HARRY JOHNSON AT 596-9621**

January 1994

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The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Phone) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Date) _____

(City) (State) (Zip) (Post #)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below (Dues)

<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 22, 1961-May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918	



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues

(Please Print)

From _____ Post # _____

\$ _____ for 19 _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please type or print:

Mrs/Miss/Ms _____ Senior Member (Over 18)

(Applicant's Full Name) _____ Junior (DOB: _____)

(Street Address) _____ (Work/Home Phone) _____

(City) (State) (Zip) (Unit Number/Location) (Dept.)

I am eligible for membership through the military service of _____ (Full Name)

Living He/she is a member of: _____ (American Legion Post) (Post #) (City) (State)

Deceased

Living or Deceased, served in:

<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (12/22/61-5/7/75)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Great-Granddaughter
<input type="checkbox"/> Grenada/Lebanon (8/24/82-7/31/84)	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
		<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged.

(Signature of Applicant) _____ (Date) _____ (Post Officer Membership Verification or Unit Sec'y Verification for Female Veterans Only) _____ (Date) _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Sons of The American Legion

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____

(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Dept. of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant)

RECEIPT


Date _____ Received of _____

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 19 _____

Detachment of _____

Squadron _____

By _____



For God and Country