

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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LEGION NEWS
FRANCIS REDINGTON
COMMANDER

WELCOME TO THE 21ST CENTURY LEGIONNAIRES

With the start of a new Century, WE have the chance to make a new start at accomplishing many of the tasks that were not finished or even started. WE could start with the Flag Amendment by getting word to our Congressmen and Women to pass it. Then begin thinking about the General Elections next November when we will need to get the people in office to help stem the erosion of OUR Veterans Benefit. The time flies by so fast that tomorrow is gone before we realize it was today.

In our immediate future, we have a LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY in March 2000. Following that will be the selection of your Post Officers for 2000-2001 in April. The Installation dinner will follow in May. Then in July, we start all over again. But hopefully, by that time everyone will have a

plan to come out to Post Meetings, Picnic and SkySox baseball game.

The Board of Trustees will continue to work toward a Post Home on our property. With that work, WE still need YOU to give US input and support with your ideas, suggestions or comments. Any one of the methods mentioned could be the one which gets everyone the Post Home WE all want. So consider what might have been if you had participated this year.

Also consider what can be done for our other comrades as we move into the new year.

If you know of anyone who needs help, let us know. It really works. My situation was that I had some soffit work to be done on the front porch of our house. A young man who is a SAL member of Post 200 in Miami, and who had community service work to do, came in and finished it up (after waiting five years for it to be done). WE also had a metal shed taken off our property on Old Farm. So if you or anyone you know needs assistance, let us know.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

OFFICERS

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DUES \$25.00

WORLD WAR I
APR 6, 1917 - NOV 11, 1918
WORLD WAR II
DEC 7, 1941 - DEC 31, 1946
KOREAN WAR
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31 1984
PANAMA
DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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DUES \$15.00

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
DOROTHY DASSERO

If you weren't there you missed a great Christmas Party. We had quite a crowd and enjoyed the dinner, door prizes and especially the dancing. That duo was very nice.

We met some transferees who attended their first function of our Post and of course, a lot of our old friends.

In addition to the events the Commander has mentioned in his article, there is also the District Ball to be held on April 15 at Security Post 38 and May is Poppy Month and Memorial Day. February is Americanism month and in June we have Flag Day. Plus we look forward to Boys and Girls State.

MEETINGS
3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
VFW POST #4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK AVE.
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**May your Year 2000 be full of health
and joy!**

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER

Membership is now 237 for the year 2000 and that is just a bit more than 75%. This is better than we have done for a long time. However, we need to get busy and finish reaching our goal of 308 soon.

First you owe it to yourself, so you won't stop receiving this newsletter and all of the other Legion publications you now receive. I know a lot of you really like The American Legion magazine. This last issue was quite interesting as to where our Presidential candidates stand on issues of concern to us as veterans. As Commander Redington said in his article, "We need to get the people in office that will help stem the erosion of our veteran's benefits."

Next you owe yourself the ability to continue to participate in Post 209 and other Legion activities of your choice. As our Auxiliary President stated everyone did have a good time at the Christmas Party and our other upcoming events have the potential to be just as much fun with your help.

You may also want to remember that your dues are a very valuable benefit to other veterans and their families. You yourself may need to take advantage of help The American Legion could provide in the future should the situation

arise. The National Emergency Fund and The Family Assistance program are just two such examples. As Commander Redington reminded us we can also always help each other when the need arises.

Of course, there are also all of the wonderful Legion programs that benefit our children and youth such as the Cub Scout Pack we sponsor, The American Legion baseball team from Mitchell High School that we have been sponsoring for a number of years, the High School Oratorical Contest, Boy's State, Girl's State, etc. We must remember the children are the future and the best legacy we can give them is a good foundation in the values and expertise they will need when it is their turn to be adults.

Don't forget the Department of Colorado Mid-Year Conference will be 28 - 30 January 2000 at the Holiday Inn just off of Garden of the Gods Rd and West of I-25. There are some good speakers scheduled, a banquet to honor those in media that have been supportive of veterans and their issues, an excellent opportunity to learn more about The American Legion through workshops, and a marvelous chance to meet fellow veterans. The best benefit of this particular Conference is you don't have to pay for a room for the night. So, seriously consider attending at least some portion of the Conference.

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