

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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July-August 2006 – NEWSLETTER

PICNIC
SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2006
1100-1600
Officers' Comments

COMMANDER - W. W. Bandler

A reminder to all members - Don't forget our annual picnic. We have the pavilion reserved at Palmer Park located at Academy and Maizeland, Saturday, July 8, 2006, from 1100 to 1600 hours. There is plenty of parking next to the pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs, cold drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. Our Post Bar-B-Q'er Larry Johnson, will do the grilling honors. Also bring a covered dish, snack or dessert to share. The more the merrier, so plan to attend. We have received a waiver from the Fire Department and will be able to B-B-Q.
NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

At the June 1 Executive Committee meeting it was voted on and passed to publish the Post Newsletter every other month. There will be a July newsletter, but none in August. This is a cost cutting move to help reduce our monthly expenses. It costs approximately \$100 per month to print and mail the newsletter and that will only increase as we gain more members. The calendar will now have two months of upcoming activities and events instead of just one. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Membership

Please see the attached for Paid up For Life (PUFL) Membership.

Programs Supported by Post 209

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| -Service to Veterans | -Pikes Peak Veterans Council |
| -Memorial Day & Veterans Day Parade | -Scouting |
| -Boy's State | -Jr. ROTC |
| -Crawford House for Homeless Veterans | -Jr. Shooting Program |
| - Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans | -Oratorical Contest |

Coming Events

- July 4----Independence Day
July 6---- E.C. Meeting
July 8----Post Picnic, Palmer Park---No meeting
July 26----Pikes Peak Veterans Council Meeting
Aug 3----E.C. Meeting
Aug 12----Membership Meeting
Aug 30----Pikes Peak Veterans Council

2006-2007 Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510

Property Inventory:

-Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624

-Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

Auxiliary Liaison – W.W. Bandler

Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

2006-2007 Board of Trustees

Chairman – Neal Thomas

Secretary – Alton Cyriaque

Finance Officer – Norm Moyer

Commander – W.W. Bandler

Member (3yr) – Bill Marshall

Member (2yr) Neal Thomas

Member (2yr) – Larry Johnson

Member (1yr) – Chuck Zeitvogel

Member (1yr) – Alton Cyriaque

2006-2007 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.104, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.104, immediately following Post Executive Committee Meeting.

2006-2007 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee	
Commander	W. W. Bandler
Sr. Vice Commander	Philip Larsen
Jr. Vice Commander	Richard Brandt
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Curtis Wash
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena
Judge Advocate	Vacant
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Ex. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Bill Marshall
2005-2006 Auxiliary Unit	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms	Vacant

Calendar

July 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 E.C. mtg.	7	8 Picnic No Post membership Mtg.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 PPVC	27	28	29

August 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3 EC Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10.	11	12 Breakfast Membership Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 PPVC	31		

Happy Labor Day



**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP
(Please type or print - see instructions on reverse)**



APPLICANT'S NAME _____ MEMBER ID # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NO. [_____] _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ _____
(Mo./Day/Year) (See Chart on Reverse)

BRANCH OF SERVICE (check one only): US Army US Navy US Marines US Air Force US Coast Guard

Full Payment Enclosed **OR** Time Payment Enclosed - Requires minimum payment of **10% OF TOTAL** as down payment.
(See instructions on reverse)

PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD:

Check or Money Order (Made payable to The American Legion) **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Please provide check or money order number _____

Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express

(Credit Card Number)

(Expiration Date)

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Applicant's signature may be omitted if PUFL is to be given as a gift. If card is to be mailed to another address, enter below.

IF GIFT, MAIL CARD TO:

Name _____ Mbr ID # (If applicable): _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE POST ADJUTANT OR FINANCE OFFICER

1. *By signature below*, I certify that the PUFL applicant named above is a member in good standing and holds a valid membership card. Annual dues were last paid for the _____ membership year and were paid to Post # _____ in the Department of _____.

2. **Check one:**

Member is applying at a PUFL fee based on our annual Post dues rate of \$ _____.

With Post approval, this member is applying at a PUFL fee based on the **reduced Post dues rate** of \$ _____.

3. *If applicable*, this member is transferring from the above Post to (new) Post # _____ in the Department of _____.

Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

Dept/Post #

Date Processed By Post

POST FORWARDS APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. (RETAIN A COPY FOR POST RECORDS)

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Member National Per Capita _____

Post Dept Per Capita _____

Dept. Post Per Capita _____

Date Received at National: _____

FORM #32-090 (October 2003)

^ DETACH HERE ^

APPLICANT'S RECEIPT:

Name of Applicant

\$ _____
Payment Received

Date Processed By Post

The member named above has applied for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership. The application has been certified by the Post and sent to the Department Headquarters with the payment noted above. After Department approval, it will be forwarded to National Headquarters for final processing. National will issue a permanent membership card in recognition of your status as a PUFL member of The American Legion.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

You must already be a member of The American Legion before application for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership can be initiated.

HOW TO BE A PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRE

Any member of The American Legion, in good standing, is eligible provided the Post is in a Department participating in the National Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Membership Plan. Kansas and Nebraska do not participate (they have their own plan). To be in good standing, the member must have a valid membership card for the current year. After January 1, a member is delinquent if dues for the current year are not paid, and would need to pay current dues before being eligible to purchase a PUFL. Should a PUFL member hold membership in a Post whose charter has been canceled and the member is unable to effect a transfer, then the unused portion of the original fee will be refunded. The same rule will apply in the case of a member whose membership has been revoked by the Post. Except as stated, no refunds of PUFL membership fees will be made.

COST OF A PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A PUFL membership is based on two factors - the member's age at the time of purchase and the total dues of the Post at the same time. The total dues of the Post include the Department and National per capita and the amount of the annual dues retained by the Post. The dues amount used to compute the cost may NOT be less than the sum of the Department and National per capita. The chart below shows the cost of a PUFL membership for any age and for some Post dues. Pick out your age group (your age at last birthday) then find your Post dues in the left-hand column and go across to your age column; this is your cost. For example, if your dues are \$25.00 and you are 65 years old, your cost is \$352.

The American Legion PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE Membership Rate Chart - effective January 1, 2004

DUES	AGE GROUP													
	24 & Under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 & Over
\$20	\$697	\$663	\$626	\$585	\$540	\$492	\$441	\$388	\$334	\$282	\$232	\$186	\$145	\$118
\$21	\$732	\$696	\$657	\$614	\$567	\$517	\$463	\$407	\$351	\$296	\$244	\$195	\$152	\$123
\$22	\$766	\$729	\$688	\$644	\$594	\$542	\$485	\$427	\$367	\$310	\$255	\$204	\$159	\$129
\$23	\$801	\$762	\$719	\$673	\$621	\$566	\$507	\$446	\$384	\$324	\$267	\$213	\$166	\$135
\$24	\$836	\$795	\$751	\$702	\$648	\$591	\$529	\$466	\$401	\$338	\$279	\$223	\$174	\$141
\$25	\$871	\$829	\$782	\$731	\$676	\$616	\$552	\$485	\$418	\$352	\$290	\$232	\$181	\$147
\$26	\$906	\$862	\$813	\$761	\$703	\$640	\$574	\$504	\$434	\$366	\$302	\$241	\$188	\$153
\$27	\$941	\$895	\$845	\$790	\$730	\$665	\$596	\$524	\$451	\$380	\$313	\$251	\$195	\$159
\$28	\$976	\$928	\$876	\$819	\$757	\$689	\$618	\$543	\$468	\$394	\$325	\$260	\$202	\$165
\$29	\$1,010	\$961	\$907	\$848	\$784	\$714	\$640	\$563	\$484	\$408	\$337	\$269	\$210	\$171
\$30	\$1,045	\$994	\$938	\$878	\$811	\$739	\$662	\$582	\$501	\$422	\$348	\$278	\$217	\$176
\$31	\$1,080	\$1,027	\$970	\$907	\$838	\$763	\$684	\$601	\$518	\$436	\$360	\$288	\$224	\$182
\$32	\$1,115	\$1,060	\$1,001	\$936	\$865	\$788	\$706	\$621	\$534	\$451	\$372	\$297	\$231	\$188
\$33	\$1,150	\$1,094	\$1,032	\$965	\$892	\$812	\$728	\$640	\$551	\$465	\$383	\$306	\$239	\$194
\$34	\$1,185	\$1,127	\$1,064	\$995	\$919	\$837	\$750	\$660	\$568	\$479	\$395	\$316	\$246	\$200
\$35	\$1,219	\$1,160	\$1,095	\$1,024	\$946	\$862	\$772	\$679	\$585	\$493	\$406	\$325	\$253	\$206
\$36	\$1,254	\$1,193	\$1,126	\$1,053	\$973	\$886	\$794	\$698	\$601	\$507	\$418	\$334	\$260	\$212
\$37	\$1,289	\$1,226	\$1,157	\$1,082	\$1,000	\$911	\$816	\$718	\$618	\$521	\$430	\$343	\$268	\$218
\$38	\$1,324	\$1,259	\$1,189	\$1,112	\$1,027	\$936	\$838	\$737	\$635	\$535	\$441	\$353	\$275	\$223
\$39	\$1,359	\$1,292	\$1,220	\$1,141	\$1,054	\$960	\$860	\$757	\$651	\$549	\$453	\$362	\$282	\$229
\$40	\$1,394	\$1,326	\$1,251	\$1,170	\$1,081	\$985	\$882	\$776	\$668	\$563	\$464	\$371	\$289	\$235
Other *	\$34.84	\$33.14	\$31.28	\$29.25	\$27.02	\$24.62	\$22.06	\$19.40	\$16.70	\$14.08	\$11.61	\$9.28	\$7.23	\$5.88

* If the Post dues are not shown on the chart, compute the cost by multiplying the actual dues by the amount in the "Other" line, using the one at the bottom of your age column. For example, age 62 and annual dues of \$27.50 (multiply \$27.50 x \$16.70 = \$459 [rounded to the nearest dollar]). If you use this method to compute the cost, double-check your multiplication to verify the fee...this will avoid unnecessary correspondence and delay.

THE APPLICATION FORM

The applicant fills out the top portion of the form in full, signs it, and turns it over to the Post Adjutant. Unless the membership is to be charged to MasterCard, VISA, Discover or American Express, payment by personal check or money order must accompany the application. If desired, arrangements may be made to pay the fee on time payment - enclose at least 10% of the total PUFL fee with the application. Coupons with envelopes are sent to the member so monthly payments can be submitted until the balance is paid in full (you have 12 months to pay the balance). Post Adjutant or Finance Officer must certify 1) the member is in good standing, 2) enter the latest year for which dues are paid, 3) the member I.D. #, and 4) the dues amount used to calculate the lifetime fee. After signing, the Post Adjutant or Finance Officer gives the receipt to the applicant. The Post is encouraged to make a copy of the application for its records. The Post Membership Roster, and any other personnel records should be marked to show the member has paid dues for life as of the date on which the application is signed, or has begun a Time Payment plan.

THE AMERICAN LEGION PUFL MEMBERSHIP CHART FOR POST 209 AT \$30.00 DUES RATE: You must already be a member of The American Legion before application before a Paid-Up-For-Life membership can be initiated. Please note that all 2006 members are current members. The table below will cover the amount for a particular year group, what the 10% down amount is, what the difference is from the total amount, and what the monthly payment would be for the 12 months you would have to pay the balance.

DUES \$30.00	24 & UNDER	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80 - 84	85 & OVER
TOTAL	\$1,045.	\$994.	\$938.	\$878.	\$811.	\$739.	\$662.	\$582.	\$501.	\$422.	\$348.	\$278.	\$217.	\$176.
10%	\$104.50	\$99.40	\$93.80	\$87.80	\$81.10	\$73.90	\$66.20	\$58.20	\$50.10	\$42.20	\$34.80	\$27.80	\$21.70	\$17.60
DIFFERENCE	\$940.50	\$894.60	\$844.20	\$790.20	\$729.90	\$665.10	\$595.80	\$523.80	\$450.90	\$379.80	\$313.20	\$250.20	\$195.30	\$158.40
12 PAY MONTHLY	\$78.38	\$74.55	\$70.35	\$65.85	\$60.83	\$55.43	\$49.65	\$43.65	\$37.58	\$31.65	\$26.10	\$20.85	\$16.28	\$13.20

The reason for providing this information is that we have heard the National Organization is proposing to increase their portion of dues by \$4.50 at the upcoming National Convention in Salt Lake City. Should this pass it would go into effect 1 January 2007. Thus, if you were to purchase a PUFL MEMBERSHIP at this time, you would be able to lock in at the above rate and not have to worry about paying dues in the future.

It should be pointed out the Department of Colorado passed a Resolution at Department Convention that would ask for the National increase to not go into effect until 1 July 2007 at \$2.50 and then again on 1 July 2008 at \$2.50. This would give Departments and Posts time to make the adjustment as we do now with the Department increase of \$00.50 a year for the next three years. This was done in anticipation of what is now coming to pass one way or the other. We have no way of knowing if this Resolution will be accepted; perhaps by combining with similar Resolutions from other Departments. Thus, someone could wait and see what develops at the National Convention. There would still be time to pay at this year's rate until the end of December. A lot of your decision will hinge upon where you fall in the above age breakouts. If your birthday is favorable for you to wait a bit until the next column you would enter, then you may want to do that. If it will not make that much difference at this time, then you may want to give this serious thought now.

Also, note there are two other payment options. You may pay the whole amount for your age group with a check or you may put the whole amount on your credit card. Of course, you could pay that off in whole or so much a month with the interest on your balance along with your other charges. As always the choice is yours. Some of you may want to just continue to pay the \$30.00. However, you should keep in mind the Post will have to see how plays out as to whether or not we will need to increase our portion to have some kind of reasonable amount for our purposes. If you have questions, please feel free to discuss this with anyone on the Executive Committee.

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) _____
 Junior (DOB: _____)

(Applicant's Full Name) _____

(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	

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 _____

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____

For God and Country





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