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ITEM 1. Thanks for the tremendous turn-out at our first meeting following the election of new officers and the beautiful installation banquet. We had an overflow crowd at our last meeting. We also had a very nice turn out for the July 3rd Bingo. The guys and gals in the funny hats really looked sharp and professional during the entire affair.

ITEM 2. On June 21-24, three members of our Post were in attendance at the 66th Annual Department Convention in Ft. Morgan, Colorado. I am proud to report that Post 209 was well represented at this function and came away with two beautiful awards which will be presented at our next meeting. Come out and see them at our next meeting. I was elected Sgt-At-Arms at this convention, I was unopposed. Chuck Farris was elected as the Senior Vice Commander. Ft Morgan was a gracious host during the entire event. Next year it will be held in Breckenridge -- why not plan to attend.

ITEM 3. At our last meeting a Committee was appointed to study the feasibility of securing land for a post home. They will be reporting to the Post at the upcoming meeting. Plan to attend and lend your support to this project. We are still looking for your ideas for fund raisers. So far only a handful of members have shown any interest in most of these matters. Believe me, it is going to take the concerted efforts of each and every member of this Post to achieve the successes we are endeavoring to achieve. Come on-- Let's do it together.

ITEM 4. The Annual Department Convention marks the beginning of a new Legion year. We are now into our new year and as I stated at the Installation Banquet, our goal this year is to double our membership. "Every member, recruits a member." If you have already recruited yours then go ahead and recruit another one. I will also accept challenges from other members. My personal goal is to recruit a minimum of ten this year. We can do it together!!!

ITEM 5. Since we were so crowded at our last meeting, I have sought and secured an area at the Retired Enlisted Association for our next meeting on July 17, 1984. Come on out at 7:30 p.m. There will be plenty of room. If it is the general consensus of the Post, we can continue to meet at the REA regularly. For those of you who are not familiar with the location - it's located at 334 Emory Circle in front of UPS and in back of the Ent Federal Credit Union office on North Murray Blvd.

ITEM 6. This month there will be a vigil at the "COLORADO TRIBUTE TO VETERANS" Memorial located at the State Capital grounds - Colfax and Broadway. It will begin with an "Awareness Watch" which will last for 24 hours with both Honor and Color guards at noon, July 20th to Noon, July 21st. At Noon, July 21st a pilgrimage will commence enroute to Angel Fire, New Mexico to end Labor Day weekend. This is Colorado's salute to POW-MIA's. I ask for any support you can lend to this project. Additional information will be available at the meeting.

For God and Country

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