

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JULY 1996



LEGION NEWS
HARRY JOHNSON
COMMANDER

We delayed the newsletter a few days due to the Department Convention on June 27 to June 31.

The newly elected Department officers for the year 1996-1997 are:

Commander - Jack Tarpey; Sr Vice Comdr - Doug Woodell; Jr Vice Comdr - Steve Dillion, Harold "Red" Caldwell, Rick Padilla, Naamon Owens, B. J. Runghel, and Dave McConnell. Finance Officer - Stan Hanson; Chaplain - Gary Moody; Historian - Ann Foster; and Sgt at Arms - Dennis Kraft.

The very important issues discussed are:

1. This is an election year and, in view of the trend by the Federal Government, i.e., President and Congress' cutback in Veterans' benefits, we must be informed voters and vote for those candidates who have shown interest in protecting our benefits. All of you who have been reluctant to vote in past elections be sure to get down and vote in this year's election. "The best bet is to elect a Vet."

2. Mr. Murphy has an amendment on the ballot to tax non-profit organizations

such as the American Legion, V.F.W., DAV and others. This amendment, if it should pass, would cause some posts to close their doors and others would be affected greatly. Many programs would be cut back or discontinued completely, such as Boys State, American Legion baseball, oratorical contests, Ft Lyon and many others. So it is very important that we get out and vote this amendment down.

The planning for the Post Home is going very well. We have obtained the approval from the zoning commission, the neighborhood association, and it has passed the first reading of the City Council, with the second reading to be July 9th. The architect has been busy drafting the detailed construction plans and when that is complete, we will be able to have the General Contractor (Al Cyriaque) get estimates from the sub-contractors for the cost of construction. We can then go to the lending agency and apply for financing. If all goes well, we could start construction perhaps as early as September or October with completion around February 1997. If you have not been attending meetings lately, now is the time to start so you can be in on the planning and activities of our new Post Home.

Our next meeting will be July 18 at the DAV Post located on Palmer Park Blvd and Peterson Road. Potluck dinner at 6:00 with the meeting starting at 7:00 P.M.

Our Post Picnic will be on August 31 and will be held on the Post Home site,

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
JR VICE COMMANDER	JEFF NEW
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
SCT AT ARMS	JEFF NEW
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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, 1948

VIETNAM WAR

DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975

GRENADE & 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

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SCT AT ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

serve at 12:30. The Post will furnish the meat, bread, drinks and condiments. You are invited to bring your favorite salad, veggie or dessert. Hope to see all of you there for a real fun time.

The Christmas Party has been scheduled for December 15 at VFW Post 4051, located at 430 E. Pikes Peak Avenue. This is a Sunday. The Saturday dates were already filled and Friday is out due to Bingo. We hope you will include this in your plans.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

Item of Interest: The definition of "burial" has been changed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to include cremation, burial at sea and a body given to a medical school. We have had 15 deaths this year as far as we know.

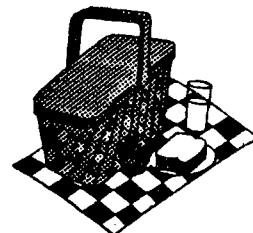
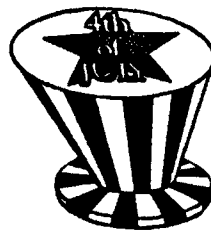
EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, WALPA

The Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking interviews with Persian Gulf vets whose claims were denied under the rules of undiagnosed illness, especially those which occurred after two years from separation

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ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

July 1 is the start of The American Legion Membership Drive for the 1997 calendar year. Many of you have already received your Renewal Notice, the first mailing. This usually means you were an Early Bird last year. If you wish to pay anytime before receiving a renewal notice, just make out your check to The American Legion Centennial Post 209 for \$25.00 and mail it to 4291 Austin Bluffs PKY STE 104, Colorado Springs, CO 80918-2944. We start out the 1997 year with 28 Permanent Members. Let's make a real good effort to jump on the bandwagon by sending your 1997 dues soon.

We have a busy year ahead of us working to get a Post Home built. It would be great to have as much of the Membership Drive done now rather than later when we may be needing more time for the new Post Home. Pretend it's Christmas in July and give yourself this present of your membership at a time of year that is not in competition with the other Christmas.

Convention in Grand Junction was very nice. For the most part the weather was cooperative. We had a bit of rain and it didn't get hot until the last day.

Friday morning was a special time for those persons running for congressional seats at both U.S. and state levels. Those who came were permitted time to tell us why they wanted the office they were seeking and to answer questions from the audience. The two men running for Hank Brown's Senate seat, Tom Strickland and Gene Nichols, learned very quickly how we feel about the Flag Amendment when they announced they would not vote for it. The issue was not a surprise for them as Department Adjutant Pat Smith made sure they knew this topic would be something they would be asked about from the audience.

Our reactions were even recorded in the next issue of the Denver Post.

District 7 really came through in representation at the Department level. Our new Department Commander is Jack Tarpey, Post 38, as is the Department Chaplain Gary Moody, and Dennis Kraft, and yours truly is Department Historian.



AUXILIARY NEWS
BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

I attended the 77th American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Grand Junction. Also attending were Chaplain Marcia Shellhammer and Sgt at Arms Ruth Hornik. Let me tell you, it is a long drive (6 hours) to Grand Junction but the country is beautiful and I enjoyed the trip but it is surely good to get home and sleep in our own bed. (We were awarded the Esther Sandhouse bowl for first place in our category for membership. Also third place for our Past Presidents Parley.) The Convention went very well. There were lots of reports from the different Chairmen.

On Friday, we voted on the proposed amendments. The main one which passed was the expected increase in per capita to Department. (If you recall we voted to raise our dues effective for 1997 to \$15.00 for Seniors and Juniors to \$3.50 in order to meet that expected increase by Department and National.)

On Saturday, the proposed Department budget was read and membership voted to accept it. I have a copy and it will be available to any member to read at our July 18 meeting.

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Ruth and I, along with Harry and Howard, attended the banquet Friday evening. It was a good convention and always a good time to see old friends.

Hope to see you at the Potluck and meeting on July 18.

The below material is reprinted from "The Mountaineer," courtesy Harry Johnson. Refresh your memories on flag etiquette.



ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

July 3 - Executive Meeting

July 18 - Potluck 6:00 P.M., Meeting 7:00 P.M.

July 27 - Birthday Party at the Florence Nursing Home, 2:00 P.M. You all are welcome and encouraged to come.

August 31 - Legion Picnic

- * The National colors should be raised and lowered by hand. Do not raise the flag while it is furled. Unfurl, then hoist quickly to the top of the staff. Lower it slowly and with dignity.
- * It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during darkness.
- * The flag should not be displayed during inclement weather, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- * Take every precaution to prevent the flag from becoming soiled. It should not touch the ground or floor or brush against objects.
- * When carried, the flag should always be aloft and free, never flat or horizontal.
- * The flag should not be dipped to any person or thing, with one exception — Navy vessels, upon receiving a salute of this type from a vessel registered by a nation formally recognized by the United States, must return the courtesy.
- * When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag should be in front of the audience and at the speaker's right as he faces the audience, with other flags to his left.
- * The flag should never be displayed upside down, except as a signal of distress.
- * Do not use the flag as a portion of a costume or athletic equipment.
- * Place no objects on or over the flag.
- * Never use the flag as drapery or to cover a speakers platform.
- * No other flag may be flown above the Stars and Stripes, except the United Nations flag at U.N. Headquarters, or a church pennant during church services conducted by chaplains at sea.
- * When the American flag becomes tattered and torn, or too soiled to clean, it should be destroyed by burning, not dumped in the trash. (American Forces Information Service)

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 _____ (Applicant's Full Name) _____ Senior Member (Over 18)
 _____ 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:
 WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18) WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
 Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) Vietnam (12/22/61-5/7/75)
 Grenada/Lebanon (8/24/82-7/31/84) Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:
 Mother Granddaughter
 Wife Great-Granddaughter
 Sister Self
 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 _____ in _____ Detachment of _____
 Squadron _____
 By _____
 For God and Country



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