

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

AUGUST 1997

LEGION NEWS
HARRY MCFADDEN
COMMANDER

We each have a challenge, as well as a commitment, for the new American Legion year. The first challenge is that we NEED support with our activities if you want a Post Home. Second, your Commander would highly appreciate your support in giving one or two Friday nights to Bingo. I have already worked four nights and will support Bingo throughout the coming year.

Our annual July Post picnic is coming up this month and I am looking forward to meeting you and your families on July 19. July 18 is the annual Donald W. Evans Jr. "Remembrance Day" at 2:00 P.M. at the dining hall of Evans Community Hospital. I would appreciate it if you would come.

Tom Bock, our National Executive Committeeman, re-elected for two more years, issued a challenge for Legionnaires. Ask, wherever you go, these two questions: 1. Are you a Veteran? and 2. Are you a member of The American Legion? We

will do this for 21 days during the month of July. I, as Commander, also challenge you. I will have two new members found during that time period.

September 6 is our annual trip to the Veterans Medical Center at Fort Lyon. We have notified them we expect 25-30 people from our post to attend. If you are interested in going, please phone the Post and leave your name. If you have clothing in good condition, books or video tapes, please contact me at 591-7606, leave a message on the answering machine so we can arrange for items to be picked up or dropped off.

We will need a few people to be involved with the Oratorical contest. Our 2nd Vice Commander, Francis Redington, is Chairman of this program and would appreciate your support. Come to Post meetings to find out what is needed and help put the word out at local high schools. I understand our Post contest should be held February 8, and there will be a training class in Denver on September 20.

My words of wisdom for July: "Those who serve, deserve our thanks."

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
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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, 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

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	RUTH HORNIK
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	JUDITH MCFADDEN
SGT AT ARMS	MARCIA SHELHAMMER

DUES \$15.00

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS ANN FOSTER

I will be sending out 1998 cards to Permanent Members soon after the 1st of July. Starting on the 1st, anyone may pay dues for 1998. Our annual membership drive always runs from 1 July to 31 December.

The Department Convention in Fort Collins was well attended and the business of The American Legion, the Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion was conducted in a timely fashion. The weather cooperated and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Your new Department Commander is Doug Wooddell, Sr Vice Commander, Steve Dillman and from District 7, Gary Moody was elected as a Junior Vice Commander, and I was elected as Department Historian for another year. Gary and I would like to express our appreciation for the support we received from District 7. Delegates to National

MEETINGS

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

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Convention are Harry Andrews, Neal Thomas and myself. Harry McFadden is an Alternate.

Commander Tarpey's report to the Convention covered some of the following successes for the year: Colorado is at 98.25% for 1997. (with 500 more members by August, we could be 100% and recognized at National Convention); four new posts were chartered this year; Oratorical Contest and Boy's State programs were excellent this year; the rededication of Post 2 in Pueblo to Ovie Vernon was an honor to a dedicated Legionnaire; the American Legion baseball program is alive and well with ten A teams, 23 B teams and 47 C teams. The American Legion Riders Association now has over 70 members in the Colorado Springs Post 38 Chapter. They are already very active in raising money for veterans and the community. If you have a motorcycle and want to get active, contact Post 38 for additional information, 392-0901.

A total of 16 resolutions came before the Convention and 15 were passed. There will be more on this in The Colorado Legionnaire.

It won't be long before the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo comes to town again. If you haven't worked at this event, please give it consideration. I will have more information after the organizational meeting in August.

If rodeo is not your thing, then consider giving Francis Redington a call (471-3925), and offer to help at The American Legion National Jr Shooting contest finals here at the Olympic Training Center. Details were in the last Newsletter.

AUXILIARY NEWS DOT DASSERO, PRESIDENT

Membership cards for the new Auxiliary year have been received by Treasurer Barbara and your dues notice should be in your mailbox shortly. Our membership exceeded the quota in 1997 that was handed down to us by department and we WILL exceed it again this year.

Thanks to you who responded to our Poppy letter. Donations are still coming in. If you haven't sent a one, please do. All monies go to our Children and Youth Program and the VA&R program.

We will plan to see you at the picnic on July 19. Please bring a covered dish. The Legion furnishes meats and the et ceteras as mentioned in the last newsletter. There will be games for entertainment. Lots of room on the property, freshly mowed and ready for fun, with dining tarps to protect from sun or rain (it wouldn't dare).

ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

Coming up:

July 18: Remembrance Day at Evans Community Hospital
July 19: Post Picnic, Old Farm Rd and Austin Bluffs



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ACTIVITIES:

A FUN FILLED DAY OF VISITING WITH FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, AND HORSESHOES



MENU

THE POST WILL PROVIDE THE CHEF WITH, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHICKEN, A RIBS. AONG WITH CONDIMENTS, SODA'S AND BREAD. WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR DESERT.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, IN FACT WE ENCOURAGE THE WHOLE FAMILY TO COME ON OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN. THIS IS FREE TO LEGION MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY.

IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL PLEASE CALL FRANCIS REDINGTON AT 471-3925 OR LARRY JOHNSON AT 590-1369 AND TELL US YOU ARE COMING.

SEE YOU THERE !!!

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Our fund raising activity is doing fairly well.

Right now we are averaging about 140 to 170 players per night at Bingo. We are hurting for workers and once again I must inform you that I am in desperate need of a caller again.

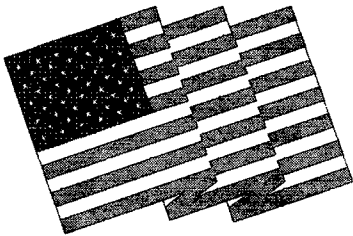
We had another caller, Floyd Bufkin, who answered the call last time but because of job scheduling cannot call anymore. Congratulations on the job Floyd.

From the 19th of June to the 14th of July and 15 August to 24 August I will be out of town . As a result I am going to need at least two callers per night .

There is time to train callers, if you would like to be a caller please come on down Friday evening or give me a call at 590-1369 and I will arrange a time for you come and learn to call.

I would love to see you at Bingo.

**LARRY L. JOHNSON
GAMES CHAIRMAN**



MAY IT FLY FOREVER