

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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JULY 2004 – NEWSLETTER

MEETING: JULY 10, AT 10:00 A.M.
BREAKFAST 9:00 A.M. (6 BUCKS), RESERVATIONS BY
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2:00 PM

MENU: Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Potatoes, Biscuits/SOS and Coffee.
HMMM-“Good Stuff, Maynard”

Officers Comments

COMMANDER-Bill Marshall

I have invited Boys State Lt. Governor, Miles O’Keefe, and his parents to join us for breakfast. Miles is a senior at Liberty H.S. and was sponsored by Post 209. I hope you will come and meet this outstanding young gentleman and hear his comments on Boys State.

In Memory of Ruth Marie Hornik

Ruth was the beloved wife of Howard Hornik, our past Post Chaplain. In her memory we will collect non-perishable food items thru the month of July for donation to the Marion House Soup Kitchen, where she was a volunteer for over 15 years. You may bring your donations to the meeting Saturday or call the office to drop them off there.

Boys State

There were 147 boys in attendance this year, down from 157 in 2003. The sad part is there were 11 no shows that still had to be paid for. Fortunately, none were from Post 209. It has been agreed by all involved in Boys State that some changes have to be made in order for the program to return to its former status. One change already in effect: we will not return to CSU-Pueblo next year, and in fact are discussing CU- Springs and Colorado College as alternatives. I will be working with the Boys State Committee on these and other changes, and will keep the membership advised of the progress.

Clean-up

Thank all who participated for your help in getting the property back in shape. There is still a little work yet and I hope to have it done shortly. We could use a few more hands next time and make it more fun(?), maybe some food as an enticement. However, we did have Krispy Kreme donuts and I HAD to eat ALL the leftovers, “waste not want not.”

Membership

We achieved 100% this year, but it was some work. However, the numbers are down all across The American Legion. In fact, only one Department, Delaware (10,000 members) made 100% of its goal. Possibly, the economy or the continued loss of older members and not enough younger members signing up are reasons for the decline. We will continue to provide for the programs that make us strong, and with your help this Post will grow.

District Convention

At The American Legion, District 7 Convention, held Sunday, May 16, 2004 At Post 13, Canon City, Co., the following officers were elected to the positions indicated:

Commander: Raymond "Tim" Grabin
SR. Vice Commander: William "Bill" Marshall
JR. Vice Commander: Robin "Butch" Nieman
Adjutant: Larry Johnson
Finance Officer: Alton Cyrique
Chaplain: Harry "Mac" McFadden
Sgt-At-Arms: Keith LeMee
Historian: Robert Anderson
Judge Advocate: Neal Thomas
Service Officer: Gabriel Martinez
Dept. Executive Committeeman: Larry Johnson

JR. VICE COMMANDER – W. W. Bandler

This is an early announcement that will be repeated at a later time to refresh our memories. The annual Christmas get together will be held on December 18, 2004 between the hours of 1100 and 1300 for a Christmas luncheon. It will be held at the Country Buffet on North Academy next to Best Buy. The cost will be \$6.37 (all inclusive). Tell the cashier you are with the American Legion Post 209. We have the meeting room reserved for this luncheon.

Our annual picnic in August is still pending as well as our Early Bird Dinner.

ADJUTANT - Ann Foster

We are now ready to start the membership drive for 2005. Every year from 1 July - 31 December is when The American Legion has a membership drive for the succeeding calendar year. You might ask why this is so, and the answer has to do with the overall size of The American Legion. There are 55 Departments in an organization that has almost 3 million members. Picture yourself as a worker at National receiving memberships every day from every Department all over the world. Six months to process this many renewals plus new members is hardly time enough, but every effort is made to do this in a timely fashion. National programs its computers to print so many renewals a day for mailing to members based on the date you paid your last dues. For example, if you paid your 2004 dues last December, you might not get your renewal slip for 2005 until late November or early December of this year. You might then ask how you could help this process, and that answer has to do with promptly responding by paying your dues when you receive your renewal slip from National. Of course, you do not have to wait

for your renewal slip. You may pay your dues for the coming year at any time during this membership drive period. We have the 2005 cards and roster and can accommodate your payment from now on. The sooner you pay your dues, the sooner we can get your new card to you and get on with the business of The American Legion programs.

If you really do not want to worry about the renewal process, you could consider the Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) program that National offers. The payment is based on your age and our dues rate of \$30.00 yearly.

We have applications and new rates that started in January 2004. There are three ways to pay: first, you can write a check for the whole amount; second, you can put it on your credit card; third, you can put 10% down and be billed for the remainder. The current disadvantage that some see is the substantial amount that might be in your age group. Just remember, National has to be able to pay your dues for the rest of your life and it takes money to make money. The advantage is you never have to worry about paying your dues again and you would not have to worry about any future increases. The advantage to those of us processing memberships is less time and effort and having the knowledge that you are already taken care of in this area. If this is something you would like to know more about, or if you would like an application, please feel free to call (719-599-8624), or write to let us know. Currently we have 50 members who are paid up for life, so we already have a head start on our membership drive for 2005 with this group. With your help we can grow and be in a better position to provide service to you the membership and other veterans in need in our area.

CHAPLAIN – Mario Taracena

WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Ruth Marie Hornik passed away serving her God. The Lord, knowing what is best for His children, has given us teaching and commandments, which if we follow, will prepare us to go back and dwell in His presence. There we will receive that enthusiastic expression of approval: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Mathew 25:21).

That is what Ruth Marie was laboring for. She was gracious, polite and friendly to all whomever had the opportunity to meet her. They felt intuitively that one was in the presence of a woman of merit, humility and benevolence. She was devoted to her family and she served well her fellow beings through volunteering at Migrant Labor Camps in New York, The Marion House Soup Kitchen, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, The American Legion Post 209 Auxiliary and her church. These were all labors of love.

The ultimate divine object of our being placed upon this Earth is that we may work for treasures in Heaven, that we may prepare ourselves to go back and dwell with our Father in Heaven. He has given us guidelines to follow. Ruth Marie followed these guidelines and she has obtained treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not corrupt or where thieves don't break through and steal. There is but one path of safety for us, and that is the path of duty and living honorably. "Sacrifice" for the well being of our fellowmen is not a sacrifice, but a privilege.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 17th at Calvary United Methodist Church and burial at Ft. Logan, National Cemetery.

Programs Supported by Post 209

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

Coming Events

4 July – Independence Day
 10 July – Post General Membership Meeting, TREA, Breakfast at 9:00, Meeting at 10:00

2004-2005 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 – Bill Marshall, 719-495-0088
- Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

2004-2005 Board of Trustees

- Chairman – Neal Thomas
- Secretary – Alton Cyriaque
- Finance Officer – Norm Moyer
- Commander – Bill Marshall
- Member (3yr) – Alton Cyriaque
- Member (3yr) – Chuck Zeitvogel
- Member (2yr) – Ann Foster
- Member (1yr) – Neal Thomas
- Member (1yr) – Larry Johnson

2004-2005 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:00 p.m.

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

2004-2005 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee	
Commander	Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander	Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Commander	W.W. Bandler
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Penny Marshall
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Ex. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
2004-2005 Auxiliary Unit	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Open
Sergeant-at-Arms	Open

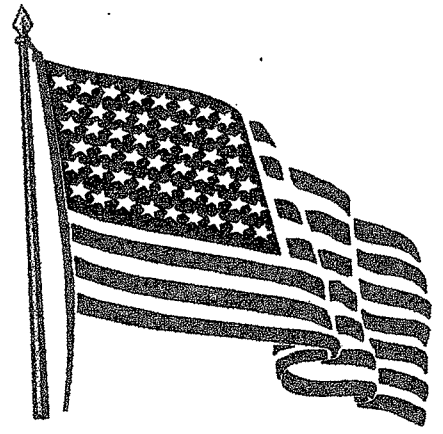
Calendars

July 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 Reservations for Breakfast Due	7	8 Executive Committee/Board of Trustees Meeting	9	10 Post 209 Gen. Membership Mng, TREA, 10 a.m., Breakfast, 9 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16 Newsletter Items Due	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Legion Baseball Tournament, Greeley, Jr. Shooting Championships, Colo. Spgs.	13	14
15 Picnic at the Property	16	17	18	19	20 Newsletter Items Due	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

VETERANS FOR VETERANS PICNIC

2nd annual



Florence Veterans Home Picnic

Meet July 31, 2004 at 9:00AM in the old
K-mart parking lot on Hwy 85-87 to caravan to the Nursing Home

Giving a little something back to those who gave so much.

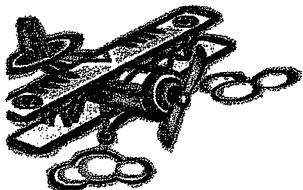
Item veterans need:

- Soda
- Sugar free candy
- Bags of hard candy
- T-Shirts
- 2x and 3X men's clothes
- Hats
- Small stuff for bingo prizes

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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)
 Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990
 Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984
 Dec. 22, 1961-May 7, 1975
 June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955
 Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946
 April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918
 U.S. Army
 U.S. Navy
 U.S. Air Force
 U.S. Marines
 U.S. Coast Guard



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 _____ \$ _____ for 19 _____ Post # _____
 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 (DQB: _____)
 _____ (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)
 Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)
 Grenada/Lebanon (8/24/82-7/31/84)
 WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
 Vietnam (12/22/61-5/7/75)
 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 _____
 By _____
 Squadron _____
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