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July 2005 – NEWSLETTER

Meeting Of The General Membership

Saturday, July 9, 2005
TREA, Breakfast 9:00 AM, Meeting 10:00 AM

COMMANDER-Bill Marshall

Please notice the header, because this meeting is different than a regular Membership Meeting. A **Meeting of the General Membership** means we will dispense with all regular reports and there will be only one agenda item: The Property.

This is an extremely important meeting and I encourage all members to attend so we can move forward on the disposition of the property, i.e., develop ourselves, work with a developer, or sell. There will be a report by the Chairman, Property Committee, as to what has taken place over the past two (2) years. The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, reports, will be related only to the property.

Our financial situation is such, that in order to continue to pay the bills and be an American Legion Post, we must move forward as expeditiously as possible. This is not to be a contentious meeting, but rather one to get the job done. I realize there are many thoughts about the property, especially by those who have been involved since it was purchased in 1991. However, we must put aside personal feelings and emotions, and be as practical as possible, especially given our financial situation.

Therefore, I call upon you, the Members of Post 209, to attend this meeting and be a part of The American Legion Family.

If you plan to attend the breakfast please notify the office no later than 12:00 PM, Tuesday, July 5. I have promised TREA I would have a count to them by 1:00 PM that day.

Special Item

I am proud to announce: The State Of Colorado, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Veteran Affairs, has informed Post 209 that the Board has approved our grant request in the amount of \$40,000. This grant is to provide supportive services to veterans at Crawford House and runs until June 30, 2006. Yes, we are "Veterans Helping Veterans."

Remember, the Post picnic is Saturday, July 16, 12-4 PM, Palmer Park, corner of Maizeland and Academy. Bring all your goodies. There will not be a regular Legion business meeting, only monkey business.

We sent five young men to Boys State this year: Lewis-Palmer-2 (sponsored by Tri-Lakes Sertoma), Falcon-1, Air Academy-1, and Pine Creek-1. This is down from previous years, but there is just so much going on for today's high school students, they have to pick and choose what they want to attend. There were 132 boys enrolled this year and only 122 showed. **We really need to work this one.**

This notice is sent in lieu of the regular July newsletter.