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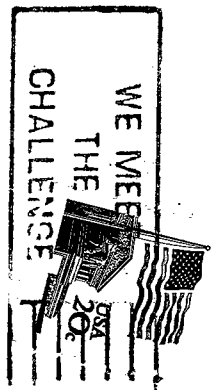
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ITEM 1: I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the confidence reposed in me by electing me Commander. I hold this elected position in the highest esteem and shall endeavor to perform the duties of this office in a highly professional and dedicated manner thereby reflecting honor and pride upon Centennial Post 209. It is with humble humility that I accept the challenges that lie before us in the ensuing year. I fully realize that I am incapable of accomplishing the myriad of tasks that lie before me alone therefore, I seek your indulgence and support as we traverse the course of events that lie ahead in the 1984-85 year. The challenges are great and varied but with the combined efforts of the membership at-large we can have a highly successful year.

ITEM 2: The Installation Banquet was a tremendous success with a considerable number of the members present. We were fortunate enough to have as our installing officer Ovie Vernon, Commander, Department of Colorado. He admonished all of us to strive for even greater successes in the coming year and thanked us for our efforts particularly in attaining 100% membership. He and his lovely wife then visited all of the members present. For many it was the first time that they had been so fortunate as to meet the top State Legion Official. Those of you who missed this auspicious occasion, missed a real treat. Thanks once again to all of you in attendance and hopefully the rest of the membership can be in attendance at the next outing.

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ITEM 3: On June 5, 1984, we held the first of three Bingos at the LAEF Club House, 22 N. Spruce Street. Although it was not the success that we had hoped for, it still proved to be a tremendous coming out event. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to those who came out and worked so diligently throughout the evening. I must say that we displayed a great deal of pride with practically all of the Legionnaires showing up with their caps and really looking good. Thanks. Please remember that we still have two more scheduled Bingos at LAEF - July 3, 1984 and August 7, 1984. Note these dates on your calendar and tell your friends about them. Word of mouth is still our best means of advertising. Let's go over the top during the next two outings. Bring a friend or neighbor out and join in the fun. We were able to impress two veterans to join the post during this outing. Come on out!!

ITEM 4: Thanks to all the members of Post 209 who showed up for the Memorial Day Celebrations at Memorial Park. Post 209 was well represented at this monumental gathering. It was the largest turnout ever for such an event in the years that I have been in Colorado Springs. Thanks again.

ITEM 5: In a matter of two weeks our Department Convention at Fort Morgan, Colorado, will be over and we will once again embark upon a membership drive. With the advent of a new Legion year, a new challenge begins. I would like to present a further challenge by establishing a motto for this year, "Every Member Recruits A Member". Following the Department Convention, new membership cards will be out for renewal. I would dearly love to be the first post in Colorado to reach 100% membership this year. We can gain this distinction quite readily if every member renews his or her membership immediately upon receipt of their renewal notice. Let's be first!!!

ITEM 6: As you are aware, there are many positions within the post that require Chairmen. In an effort to fill many of these positions, I took the liberty

of appointing several individuals whom I could not contact before appointing them. Assuming that everyone wanted to see the post prosper, I chose several new members to chair these committees in hopes that they would not only choose to serve, but to call upon some of the older members for their expertise in fulfilling the obligations of their assigned duties. Together we can do all things.

ITEM 7: We are in dire need of a post home. The only way possible to acquire one is for the entire post to pool their collective efforts and ideas and strive diligently towards this goal. I am quite sure that with 66 members in this post that there must be at least 66 ideas as to how we can best achieve this goal. No one of us is endowed with all of the wisdom on earth, but among all of us there surely must be many ideas and suggestions that will work. Jot down your ideas and bring them to the next meeting for consideration. I assure you that no ones idea will be scoffed at or relegated to a position of triviality. We need the support of everyone to succeed.

ITEM 8: This month is an exciting one in the history of the Legion. First, we had the Fortieth Anniversary of D-Day Celebrations which paid tribute to the heroes both living and dead who so valiantly fought during the Normandy Invasion. Next, we celebrated Flag Day and reaffirmed our pledge of allegiance, following this we commemorated the signing of the "G I Bill of Rights", which has touched the lives of every living American in one way or another. I am proud to be a member of the organization that doggedly and relentlessly sought the passage of this Bill. This was Legion sponsored legislation that America can be proud of. Why not let others know- The Legion made it possible.

ITEM 9: Again, we begin another Legion year. The first meeting of this new year will convene at 7:30 p.m., 19 June 1984 at Ken Reyhon Realty, 3320 Austin Bluffs Parkway. We had a successful year last year, let's be even more progressive this year. Plan to attend the first meeting and meet your new comrades. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting Tuesday evening.

For God and Country  
*Robert Thomas, Jr.*  
Commander