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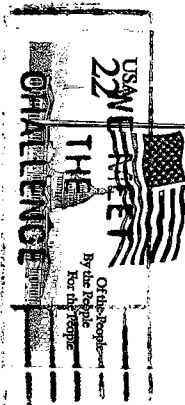
Fellow Legionnaires:

We are beginning a new Legion year filled with expectations of a promising and fruitful endeavor. Let's review last year; we started out with high expectations and ended up with many positive gains. We saw for the first time since 1978, a very productive year in membership recruitment. Today we stand second in the Department with 144% of goal in membership. Percentage wise we have nothing to be ashamed of as we are second to a Post who had only 25 members previously. Secondly, we established a viable Bingo game that is still growing in participation and revenue. Third, we made an attempt at securing a post home. Overall, we had a very productive year. As we approach the new year, let's not look back at the failures of the previous year. Rather, let's look forward to the challenges of the new year. There are still many mountains to be climbed and valleys to be crossed before we view the utopia that we envision.

Item I

Bingo - We achieved monumental successes during 1984-85 Legion year in the area of Bingo. We did it unfortunately with a precious few in number of participants. Nevertheless, we are determined that this year will be different and that we will have many more who will come out and work half a game to make it a success. It's our only money making endeavor at present, therefore, if you care about the success of Post 209, I am sure you will donate a few hours per week to make it a success. Last week, we had a bumper crowd of Bingo players in attendance at our Thursday night game with very few Legion Members there to accomodate them. Please don't let this happen again.

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Item II

Boys State - We were instrumental in sending 7 boys to Boys State in Pueblo during the week of 9 - 16 June 1985. Unfortunately they were short of counselors for the event. We really need to become more actively involved in this effort.

Item III

Committees - As you are well aware, we have grown tremendously. As a result of this growth many activities have required greater participation than ever before. As a result, committees are needed to accomplish matters that were previously left to one individual. I will be asking many of you to become active members of these committees and sincerely trust that you will serve on them and become active in their behalf. No one person can accomplish the myriad of task set before him without assistance. We are a growing Post and we are enduring growing pains. We need the aid and assistance of all of our members to meet the daily challenges of this growth. Will you help? You will be called, please get involved as this is an exciting movement.

Item IV

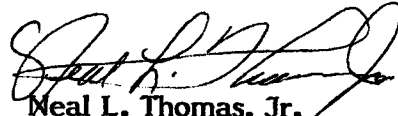
Membership - Last year I asked every member to recruit at least one (1) new member. This was made easy with the advent of the Direct Mailing Solicitation. In spite of this, I personally recruited more than twice the number of new members than any other member of the Post. It's easy-- all you have to do is ask. I have a list of newly recruited DMS members and will be happy to share them with you for recruitment to our Post. After all they are already members of the Legion and only need to be invited to join our Post. Let's not lose them due to lack of interest on our part in getting them involved in a local Post.

Item V

Meeting - As most of you already know, we no longer are operating the Bronco Restaurant as our Post home. It was a bold venture that did not work out very well. I am sure it will be a topic of prime concern at the upcoming meeting. Therefore, if you are interested in knowing the facts and what we project for the future of Post 209, you will be present at our next meeting, 18 June 1985, at the Retired Enlisted Association Club at 834 Emory Circle, 7:00 P.M. Be there and get the facts firsthand. Looking forward to seeing you there.

"The Little Post - Going Places and Doing Big Things"

For God and Country,


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