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The 14th of June is FLAG DAY. FLAG DAY is one of those days when it is especially appropriate to display the Flag of the United States. On June 9, 1966, the Congress, by a joint resolution, requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week and calling upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

Since the ruling of the Supreme Court last summer that allowed the burning of the Symbol of Freedom, The American Flag, as a first amendment means of protest; The American Legion has been in full support of a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. In an effort to forestall a constitutional amendment, the Congress passed a flag desecration law that was allowed to become law without the president's signature. This law was later challenged in the courts and ruled unconstitutional. It is now once again before the Supreme Court for resolution.

Each time I see a picture of the tattered and torn flag waving briskly above Fort McHenry in the early morning light, or see the statue of the marines raising the flag on Iwo Jima, or see the flag draped across a casket bearing the remains of a fallen comrade; I cannot help but wonder how any red-blooded American citizen, who cherishes freedom, could stoop so low as to desecrate and burn this symbol of freedom and democracy.

The American Legion is once again seeking your assistance in sponsoring a petition drive in support of a constitutional amendment making it a crime to desecrate the American Flag. Petitions are being circulated at the post home and throughout the community informing our elected officials of our desire to see an enforceable law enacted to protect that Symbol of Freedom, The American Flag.

Please sign the petition and lend your support to this noble cause. Then follow this up by flying your flag at home, not only on June 14th, but every day through July 4th. After all, where else but America could you even consider dissenting or disagreeing with the laws of the country?

Larry L. Johnson
Post Commander

The month of June is really going to be a busy month.

June 2nd starts off the month with a BANG!! ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY This annual affair will take place at Fort Carson with activities scheduled at the Field House. Veteran organizations and other service providers will have booths there to assist retired veterans. We will have a booth with information and membership applications for our Post and Auxilliary.

STEAK FRY and DANCE - Later the same afternoon, the Post will be hosting this gala affair. Why not plan now to come out and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow Legionnaires. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with each person selecting the steak of their choice and placing it on the grill until it meets your desired specifications. The other amenities will then be added to this delectable morsel to complete the dinner arrangement. Following dinner, at 8:00 p.m., live entertainment and dancing to the 50s & 60s tunes begin with the renditions provided by the "Soggy Bottoms" Band. This lively evenings entertainment is at the nominal fee of only \$7.00 per person. Tickets are on sale at the Post Home and advance ticket sales are encouraged. Bring a couple of friends and come on out to your Post Home for an exciting evening.

June 14 - FLAG DAY - I urge every Legionnaire to fly their flag high with enthusiasm. Show everyone that we care about the American Flag and what it stands for.

June 21-24. DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - The American Legion Department of Colorado Annual State Convention will be held in the fair city of Grand Junction, Colorado. There are many interesting and exciting activities planned for this Convention. A post delegation will be in attendance and anyone interested in joining this group of attendees please contact the Post Home by calling 591-2272 and leaving a message.

SPECIAL NOTE: The monthly General Membership Meeting for the month of June has been changed from the 3rd Thursday to the 4th Thursday, 28 June 1990. This was changed due to the conflict with the Department Convention and the post officers representing the post at this Convention. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting on 28 June 1990. A report of the convention proceedings will be made at this meeting.

As The American Legion year comes to a close, I want to thank each and every one of you for your splendid support. The success of the membership drive was overwhelming. We had a post goal of 246 members and ended the year with 250 members. Following the Department Convention we will begin a new legion year and I ask your support once again in reaching our membership goal. Imagine what our membership would be if each member renewed and each signed up one (1) new member, WOW!!

BINGO - Over the years this has been the fund raising activity within the post. We conduct Bingo each Friday night at the Retired Enlisted Association facility at 834 Emory Circle. This is accomplished each week, usually with the same workers performing the required duties. Once again, we must seek your support to continue this worthwhile endeavor. The workers that we now have are getting rather tired and burned out, after having carried this program over the past four (4) years. I am quite sure that having a membership of 250, we certainly should be able to get enough workers to establish crews whereby we would only work once per month. How about it Legionnaires --- We need your help!! We are also in dire need of a Bingo Manager or Co-Managers. If you have the time and desire to help -- please contact the Post by calling 591-2272 or just stop by. The Commander will get back to you.

The only way The American Legion and Centennial Post 209 can continue to grow is with your help and support. As we begin the new year, there are many programs and activities that your help would be both desired and required. If you have ideas or suggestions to improve the performance of any of the existing programs or projects, please feel free to contact any of the Post Officers or committee members with your ideas. Working together we can achieve greatness.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

Hi Legionnaires! R-R-R, RECRUIT - RETAIN - REINSTATE are the magic words this year! This is a theme and a theory that really works. We lost 400,000 Legion members during the 1989-90 American Legion year. Whereby some members went to the Post Everlasting, many simply did not renew their membership. Membership is everyone's job. The responsibility does not stop when we recruit a member. We must get that member involved in The American Legion programs to retain his/her membership. Keeping the member actively involved will make REINSTATEMENT a regular part of "Belonging" to Centennial Post 209. Everyone is important. Come out -- Bring your friends -- Be involved!!

June Thomas
Sr. Vice Commander

FROM THE JR. VICE

We are planning more activities for the coming year. If anyone has any ideas or would like to have a special activity, please contact me at the Post Home, call 591-2272.

Lou Mikulecky
Jr. Vice Commander

FROM YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

We now have a 25¢ daily sign-in sheet in the bar. A daily drawing is held at the close of business. The following names of Legionnaires and Auxiliary members have been drawn: Matthew Knieriem, Marie Sandoval, James Michelburg, Richard Corkin and David C. Greene. They had not been in the Post to sign-in, therefore the Kitty continues growing.

There are now snacks at Happy Hour on Wednesday and Friday evenings. We will try to maintain an appetizing variety of goodies, so drop in and see what's offered at your Club.

AUXILIARY CORNER
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Ladies, I am looking forward to serving as President of Unit 209 and looking for a bigger and better year. There are several openings for chairpersons of committees within the unit. They are not time consuming and they are important to the unit and our aims -- to support The American Legion. I am having an executive committee meeting June 7, 1990, Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All officers please plan now to attend.

Don't forget the Steak Fry & Sock Hop June 2nd at the Post Home.

Betty Mikulecky
President



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