



A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION
CENTENNIAL POST 209
JUNE THOMAS, COMMANDER

"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

JUNE 1992

FLAG DAY - 1992

We have just finished paying tribute to those who gave the most to our great Nation. Now it is time to pay tribute to the greatest Symbol of Freedom that this WORLD has seen...the Flag of the United States of America.

Our Flag has been through many wars and conflicts throughout the world and one thing that stands out above all is that our Flag always has come through. We know that to many, it is a symbol of LIFE, a life allowing them the right to grow and become citizens of this great nation.

We know that to many, it is a symbol of JUSTICE which has allowed them to leave their homes to begin a new life in the United States away from prejudiced justice. We know that to many our Flag is a symbol of FREEDOM; freedom to practice religion, to say what they think without reprisal, freedom to go wherever they would without fear.

We also know that the Flag of our Country has been the rallying point for all of our military throughout conflict and war.

June the 14th is FLAG DAY. I urge each and everyone of you to pay

homage to the greatest symbol of FREEDOM that this world has seen or will ever see, "THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

Let's band together and let everyone know that we appreciate what our Flag stands for and that WE WILL NOT ALLOW anyone to desecrate our symbol of Justice, Freedom and Democracy. May she ever fly high.

STEAK FRY AND DANCE

There will be a steak fry and dance on the 6th of June. We will be serving steak cooked to order, baked potato, baked beans, corn on the cob and salad. Dinner begins at 6:30 and afterwards, there will be a dance.

The cost of the evening's entertainment will be \$7.50 per person. This is a great way to start off the summer and A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS. Each and every member of the American Legion, Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion are invited to come out and enjoy the festivities.

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* BET ON A WINNER *
* SUPPORT OUR OWN *
* JUNE THOMAS *
* FOR DEPARTMENT *
* SENIOR VICE COMMANDER *
* 1992-1993 *
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OFFICERS

COMMANDER	JUNE THOMAS
SR VICE COMMANDER	BILL WEEKS
JR VICE COMMANDER	QUINN MCNEIL
ADJUTANT	690-1989 LARRY L JOHNSON
FINANCE OFFICER	HARRY JOHNSON
SGT AT ARMS	ALTON CYRIAQUE
CHAPLAIN	TOM HABAN
HISTORIAN	GLENN HART
SERVICE OFFICER	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	FLOYD BUFKIN
POST EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

MEETINGS

**3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
POTLUCK DINNER 6:00 P.M.
DUES \$20.00**

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
VICE PRESIDENT	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
SECRETARY	DOROTHY DASSERO
CORR SECRETARY	ALICE HART
TREASURER	IREANA CAMPBELL
CHAPLAIN	DONNA WATKINS
HISTORIAN	HILDA PIFER
SGT AT ARMS	NANCY HART
PARLIAMENTARIAN	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
JR PAST PRESIDENT	MARGERY JOHNSON

MEETINGS

**3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
POTLUCK DINNER 6:00 P.M.
DUES \$12.00**

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 9, 1917 to Dec 31, 1918

World War II
Dec 8, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
Jun 28, 1951 to Jan 31, 1955

Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 to Jul 31, 1984

Panama
Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till the end of hostilities

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO

FROM THE COMMANDER

As the Legion year (7/1/91 - 6/30/92) draws to a close, I look back in retrospect and thank each one who has made this year successful.

We began by acquiring 7.4 acres of land in a prime location of this city for our future Post Home. We formed committees and chairpersons to carry out The American Legion programs. We participated in the Oratorical Contest, American Legion Baseball Program at Mitchell High School, Boy Scouts, Cub Pack 240 and sent nine high school boys to American Legion Boys State. We sponsored "A Tribute to Veterans" (Temporary Financial Assistance Program). This program, held in Acacia Park, was put on by two post/unit members, Bessie Frank and Al Lender. During the year, two initiation ceremonies were conducted and 34 Legionnaires were formally initiated.

We took two tons of clothing to HOMELAKE NURSING HOME in Monte Vista. Christmas donations went to the veterans at COLORADO STATE HOSPITAL in Pueblo. Birthday cakes, donuts and stuffed animals cheered up several patient vets at FLORENCE NURSING HOME in Florence; one of them being our own lifetime member of this Post, John Greco, who became 98 years old on May 21st. He was in great spirits and continually sang in French! Our annual trip to FT LYON VETERANS HOSPITAL in Las Animas was very rewarding. Each year, we take as many people as will go, donate clothing, books, etc., and always present a cash donation of \$500 in honor of our deceased Past Commander, John Gaillard.

We had our annual picnic and Christmas party which was enjoyed by both adults and children. We gave 16 Christmas baskets to needy families and helped many stranded veterans on their way. We marched in the July 4th and Veterans Day parades.

Thanks to the "moneymakers" of the Post, the Bingo workers, Club Manager, Nedra and Connie (volunteers for "Stud tickets"), Dave Thomas of the Ways & Means for the rummage sale and most of all, my husband, Neal Thomas, who did ALL of the above!

I was asked how I was able to carry out so many functions this year, that of 100% Post Commander, 100% District 7 Commander, Department Junior Vice Commander over Districts 7 and 8 which were both 100% Membership Districts and work a fulltime job at the Regional Building Department. First of all, let me give God the glory, without Him, I could do nothing. Secondly, it took the support of each of you and your efforts. But, it would have been impossible without the help and support of my husband, Neal, without the love and realizing the needs of the veterans, without the love of The American Legion and without the love I have for America.

Remember, there is Strength in Unity...and together, we are winners!

JUNE THOMAS
COMMANDER

FROM THE SR VICE COMMANDER

We are still "going and growing." We have had several new members sign up since last month and certainly do welcome them to our Post. I again want to thank each and every one of our old members who brought in the new Legionnaires and request that the new members in turn solicit other veterans for our Post.

Please remember when you are talking to prospective new members, we need new members in

the Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion as well as the Post.

BILL WEEKS
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

FROM THE ADJUTANT

This is my last letter as Adjutant for this great Post. I would like to thank each and every one of the Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members who have supported me for the past four years. I will not be able to name names as it would be not be expedient to publish the list of members of both organizations. I would ask of each and every member to please provide the same type of support and energy which I received for the new officers.

We now have a new year which will bring new problems as well as opportunity for accomplishments. I know as Past Commander and Adjutant that these accomplishments cannot be done without each member's support.

However, I will not be fading off into the sunset. I have a goal, just as other members of this Post, and that is to see our permanent Post Home built and operating as it should. We have made huge strides in this objective but it still needs the support of each of you to get it done.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The Department Convention will be held the 25-28 of June at Fort Collins in the University Holiday Inn. From what has been hinted, this convention will be something to say I WAS THERE. I hope to see as many of you there as can make it.

SEE YOU THERE

LARRY L JOHNSON
ADJUTANT

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Installed on May 23rd were new officers: President, Barbara Johnson; 1st Vice President, Dorothy Dassero; 2nd Vice President, Lois Egnor; Secretary Nancy Hart; Corresponding Secretary, Alice Hart; Treasurer, Ireana Campbell; Historian, Nedra Marketto; Chaplain, Marcia Shellhammer, Sgt-at-Arms, Collette Price.

May was a busy month. Thank you to all you "bakers, givers and doers" for the baked goods for the TFA fundraiser, and for the cookies for Ft Lyon, Thank you to the ladies who helped with the Post's rummage sale.

June 3 - Executive Meeting 7:00 PM
June 6 - Steak Fry
June 25-28 Department Convention in Ft Collins and
NO Regular Meeting in June.

Happy Summer! Hope to see you at our next meeting July 16.

BARBARA JOHNSON
PRESIDENT

FROM ANN

I would like to remind you that we are attempting to stay within our budget by not sending a newsletter to every family member. If the copy which comes to your house is not being shared, please call 591-1952 and advise me. I can easily put someone back on the label list for the next month's mailing.

Second, please help us to stay current with your address! If you do not tell us you are moving, we must pay \$.29 to find out that you have moved. That money could better go towards our new Post Home. Whatever you can do to help counts a lot!

Last, allow me to remind all incoming Post officers that there will be training on 6 June from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Post, conducted, in part, by Department. This is an excellent opportunity for us to get a good start for this Legion year.

ANN FOSTER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The annual Post 209 picnic will be held on August 1 at IRON HORSE PARK as it has the last two years. The time will be from 11:00 AM to ????? Please mark your calendar and watch for more information next month.

8 & 40 SALON 422

The Salon held its installation of officers on May 18. Installed as Le Chapeau was Mae Dillon, Le Chapeau Premier, Jenny Hanson, Le Deuxieme, Ireana Campbell, L'Aumonier, Ruth Hornik, La Concierge, Dorothy Dassero and Departmental Pouvoir, Betty Andrews. Departmental Marche will be held in Arvada on July 23.

RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS

Our thanks to all members who participated in the Post's Rummage Sale.

We express our sincerest appreciation to all who donated items to be sold, to those who worked preparing for the event, and especially the Harry Johnsons and the Glen Harts who spent two days at the tables selling.

The sale itself netted the Post \$324 and with a generous donation of \$50, the Rummage Sale effort increased the Building Fund by \$374.

Congratulations and thank you to all those involved.

DAVE THOMAS
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The culvert installation has been completed and the landscape project has also been completed at our Post Home site.

As of 5/26/92, we have a variance to post our "Future Post Home" sign at the site. We anticipate having the sign in place prior to the publication of this newsletter.

We recently requested architectural renderings projecting the proposed post design as requested by the membership. We currently have three designs and several resumes from architectural firms. The designs will be reviewed by the building committee at the 9 June 92 meeting.

Following this review, the committee will make a full report to the membership-at-large at the July Post meeting.

One thing is evident with the presentation of these building designs, we must get serious in our fundraising efforts. As you are no doubt aware, building costs are horrendous and they are increasing every day. We need the

assistance of all post members in fundraising efforts.

Thanks for your support in the recently completed raffle. I strongly recommend the initiation of another raffle immediately to culminate at our annual picnic in August. Working together, we can make it happen.

NEAL THOMAS
CHAIRMAN

CLUB ACTIVITIES

For those of you who did not attend the installation dinner and dance on May 23rd, you missed a tremendous dinner and fun time afterward.

Why not make up for missing out on that opportunity by joining your fellow club members and families for a fun evening and good food at our steak cookout on June 6th. Once again, we will have dancing afterward.

More information on this activity is addressed on the front page of this newsletter. Call the club at 591-2272 for your reservations or sign up when you are next in the club!!

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 # _____

May 31 - July 11

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31	June 1 LOOK FOR SIGN ON PROPERTY	June 2 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	June 3 7:00 AM EXEC MTG 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	June 4	June 5 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	June 6 6:00 PM STEAK FRY & DANCE
June 7	June 8 8:00 PM 40/8 PROMENADE POST 5	June 9	June 10 7:00 PM GUN CLUB MEETING	June 11	June 12 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	June 13
June 14	June 15	June 16 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	June 17 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	June 18 **NO MEETING	June 19 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	June 20 9:00 AM WACS MEETING
June 21	June 22	June 23 7:30 PM AMVETS MEETING 7:30 PM AMVETS GEN MERSHP MEETING	June 24	June 25 7:00 PM GUN CLUB	June 26 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	June 27
DEPT CONVENTION FT COLLINS						
June 28 DEPT CONVENTION FT COLLINS	June 29	June 30	July 1 7:00 AM EXEC MTG 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	July 2	July 3 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	July 4 4TH OF JULY
July 5	July 6	July 7 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	July 8	July 9	July 10 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	July 11



STEAK AND DANCE
6 JUNE 1992

**1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
COLO SPGS. CO 80**

**DINNER SERVED AT 6:30 PM
STEAK COOKED TO ORDER,
BAKED POTATO, BAKED BEANS,
AND SALAD.**

**DANCE TO
"CHIEF"
8:00 TO MID-NIGHT**

**COST \$7.50 PER PERSON
COME OUT AND BEGIN THE
SUMMER RIGHT**