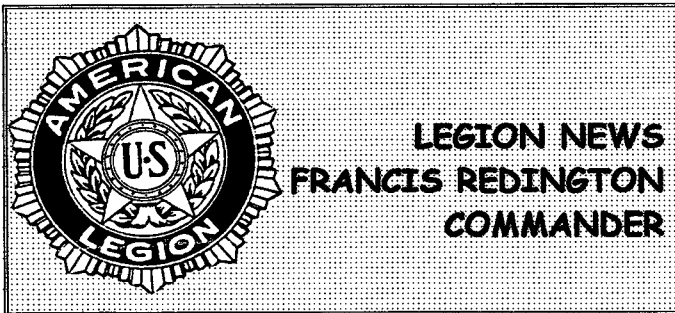


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JUNE 1999



Our journey into the 21st century begins now. There are many objectives and programs to be addressed. Currently, our candidates for Boys State are preparing to represent Post 209 at Colorado's 50th anniversary of Boys State at USC in Pueblo from June 6 - 11. This event follows the Memorial Day weekend.

Many veterans gathered in Memorial park in support and remembrance of fellow veterans who paid the ultimate price or who are still POW/MIAs.



June 14th is Flag Day, followed by the July 4th celebration of our country's birthday.

FLY YOUR FLAG.

On to the project list as there are many Post activities to consider. Our American Legion baseball team is from Mitchell High School. Our Post picnic is coming up in July, at which you will have the option of attending a sky Sox ballgame.

Weed cutting on the property at Old Farm Road is becoming a needed work party situation. These are items in our immediate future.

Many other programs will be addressed as they arise. The Post slate of officers is in need of a Senior Vice Commander. The business of running a post is very demanding, requiring use of all resources, namely the membership. Please contact any officer of this post if you need assistance or if you have any suggestions or would like to assist with the Post.



OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FRANCIS REDINGTON
SR VICE COMMANDER	
JR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	AL CYRIAQUE
HISTORIAN	NORM MOYER
SGT-AT-ARMS	NORM HARPOLE
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	TOM MORANT

DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

WORLD WAR I
APR 6, 1917 - NOV 11, 1918
WORLD WAR II
DEC 7, 1941 - DEC 31, 1946
KOREAN WAR
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31 1984
PANAMA
DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
SECRETARY	ANITA MCFADDEN
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
CHAPLAIN	JUDITH MCFADDEN
SGT-AT-ARM	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS UPDATE

Ann Foster - The American Legion Deputy Representative to the Colorado Springs VA Satellite Clinic.

Planned dates for our Stand Downs are October 8 for Colorado Springs and October 22 for Pueblo. Afternoons are the time frame. The Colorado Springs location will primarily use the parking lot in front of the Clinic. Where appropriate the reception area and primary care areas may be used. Future committee meetings will iron out the specifics of traffic flow and how to best see to the needs of the veteran.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

There will be a need for your help. Lunch will be served, clothing and other comfort items will be handed out and just listening to your fellow veteran will be some of the ways you could assist. Afterwards cleanup and take down tasks will need to be accomplished.

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The most important aspect of this event for our Post is the wonderful opportunity it gives us to perform our primary mission of veterans helping veterans. This is a direct way to make a difference for the homeless veterans in our community. Please give serious thought and come help if you can.

**ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER**

I attended the Department Leadership Training along with our Commander Francis Redington, Historian Norm Moyer, Judge Advocate Neal Thomas, Service Officer Tom Morant and member John Davies. I think we had the largest group of Legionnaires from any Post. No matter how many times I go to this event I always learn something. This time I appreciated adding to my knowledge of parliamentary procedures and membership recruiting.

There was a break out session for adjutants which was both a review of past procedures and a briefing on new changes. One thing we were advised on was the amount of processing time by Department and National. This is a six week process for the most part. If you delay paying dues after receiving your renewal notice, there is a good chance you will get a second notice before your payment been recorded. National processes membership for close to 3 million members so this is not something done overnight. Check your card and your check register if you are in doubt.

This year all permanent member cards will be mailed directly to the member from department. This program will be closed to new members and the National Paid Up For Life (PUFL) will start in July as the replacement. The bad news is PUFL costs a bit more than our program. The good news is that you may pay for this membership in one of three ways: 1) check for the whole amount; 2) 10% down payment and continued monthly payments until paid off; and 3) use your plastic money card. If you think you might be interested in this program which would mean not having to pay dues on a yearly basis, please leave us a message. Your age and our current dues are the necessary ingredients. We will be happy to consult the chart and advise you.



**AUXILIARY NEWS
DOT DASSERO
PRESIDENT**

A letter was received from LaVonne Thomas, Department President announcing that Kelli Biedermann was granted a Department President's Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. Kelli was sponsored by our Unit and those who judged the scholarship applications submitted were very proud to submit that of such a fine young woman.

It is hoped we will receive good reports on the two high school junior girls whom we sponsored to attend Girls State.