

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JUNE 2001

LEGION NEWS
FRANCIS REDINGTON
COMMANDER

BINGO started off with very low attendance which means WE need to start a vigorous advertising campaign. Everyone attending the first session on May 12th thought it was a unique time for a bingo session. The first game was played by 51 people and WE still made \$436. Not a lot, but better than the loss expected. The second session was a lot smaller, 47 players. This game WE lost almost \$1,000 which points to the fact that until the public is educated. We cannot take participation for granted. WE will be distributing flyers in parking lots, malls, food and department stores to advertise before the next game on the 26th of May.

Boys State is upon US as WE. WE are looking at having 20 candidates and finding a way of getting them to Boys State. WE will be contacting Post 38 in Security for help in sending a few, and maybe get Post 5 to send a few. With their help, WE can

get them all down to USC for five very busy days.

This has been a very busy twenty four months as Commander but an educational period that will not be forgotten. WE, the Executive Board, hope you feel WE have given our very best effort running the Post. Now is the time to let the new Executive Committee know if there is anything that needs to be addressed. Your suggestions and comments will make the Post stronger. The more items YOU address will give the Post a stronger direction and allow US to help more Veterans, children and community projects. The appreciation for allowing me to move this Post out of 1999 through 2001 has been an experience that not to be forgotten. THANK YOU...and to the Staff that helped guide and direct me through these two years, YOUR invaluable advice and assistance was gratefully appreciated. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

New Post Officers: Commander Chuck Zeitvogel, St Vice Larry Johnson, Jr Vice Norm Moyer, Adjutant Ann Foster, Finance Officer Greg Andries, Sgt-at-Arms Robert Rydell, Chaplain Howard Hornik, Historian Harry McFadden and Executive Committeeman Neal Thomas, Service Officer Tom Morant.

OFFICERS

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| COMMANDER | FRANCIS REDINGTON |
| SR VICE COMMANDE | CHUCK ZEITVOGEL |
| JR VICE COMMANDER | NORM MOYER |
| ADJUTANT | ANN FOSTER |
| FINANCE OFFICER | AL CYRIAQUE |
| HISTORIAN | GREG ANDRIES |
| SGT-AT-ARMS | ROBERT RYDELL |
| CHAPLAIN | HOWARD HORNIK |
| JUDGE ADVOCATE | LARRY JOHNSON |
| 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

JUNE 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956

VIETNAM WAR

DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975

GRENADA & LEBANON

AUG 24 1982 - JUL 31, 1990

PERSIAN GULF

AUG 2, 1990 - UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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| PRESIDENT | DOROTHY DASSERO |
| SECRETARY | PAT ANDRIES |
| TREASURER | BARBARA JOHNSON |
| CHAPLAIN | MARCIA SHELLHAMMER |
| SGT-AT-ARMS | RUTH HORNIK |

DUES \$15.00

**FROM THE PRESIDENT
DOT DASSERO**

Officers elected and installed for your Auxiliary year were Dot Dassero, President, Barbara Johnson, Secretary Treasurer, Marcia Shellhammer, Sgt at Arms and Ruth Hornik, Chaplain.

We see so many of our members at Post functions but never at meetings. Why is it possible that you can come to a dinner but not be able to come to an afternoon meeting at the Post's office? Would meeting for lunch first entice you? It might be fun. Give me a call if interested, I'm in the book.

Plans are announced in this issue for the picnic in August in Palmer Park. I'm sure we are all looking forward to playing volleyball or badminton...personally I'd rather eat.

The Auxiliary will go DARK for the months of June, July and August, meaning no meetings those months.

AUXILIARY MEETING THE THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH
AT THE POST'S OFFICE ON AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY
1:30 P.M.

MEETINGS
3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
VFW PST #4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

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DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER

We now have 288 members. Just nine more would give us 110% and a jacket for Commander Redington. That number also means there are those of you who could help us with Bingo.

The next page is a sheet that you can fill out if you are able to help one time a month or more on either Saturday morning or Tuesday evening or whatever your personal schedule might permit. We know there are those who don't want to drive at night, so we ask that you look at Saturday. There are others who would prefer a weekday evening. Please carefully consider what you could do and get that information to Greg or Francis.

You are probably now wondering why we have elected to take on an additional time to do Bingo. It's all a matter of needing the money that is generated by this fundraising activity. We need to be able to pay bills, to participate in The American Legion programs, and to build a Post home. These things cannot happen without the participation of those who are able to help. We are very much aware that some cannot do this. However, for everyone who cannot there is someone who can. So, don't just gloss over this request, but at least consider the possibility of helping out.

Each of the positions at Bingo are not difficult and we can provide easy training. If smoke is a concern, the hall has an excellent air exchange system. Also, the non-smoking room needs a floor

walker. This is very easy to do at this location. This particular job is not hard to do in the main part of the hall either.

I want to take this opportunity to apologize to you the membership and to our editor, Dot Dassero, for being this late in getting out the newsletter this month. There is a saying that many of my fellow veterans may recall from our time on active duty. It goes, "Exigencies of the service..." It is a catchall phrase that helps explain that there are times when circumstances prevent us from doing as we had originally planned. Your Commander had to finish up the applications for Boy's State by the Department deadline. I have been working three jobs for money to pay off a big bill. Bingo has been a time factor that we did not have before. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Two of my jobs will go away by the end of the month and the Boy's State program will have taken place by then. If more of you decide to help with Bingo, that will make it easier for those who work it now.

Upcoming events besides the picnic are Department Convention, 21 - 24 June; the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo and The American Legion Junior Shooting Program finals in early August. Department Convention is just up the Interstate at the Hampden exit Marriott Hotel. Please give these events some consideration, also.

American Legion Post 209

Bingo Tuesdays & Saturdays You Can Work

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Saturday mornings Tuesday evenings

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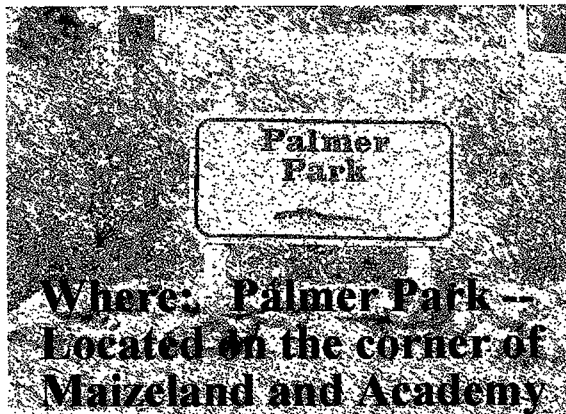
Please enter a yes or no in each scheduled date listed in each month. This will make it possible to schedule our teams for the most efficient use of our volunteers. The more members we have volunteer, the less time needed by each of them. No one wants to work every Bingo session for the American Legion Post 209 fund raising and we all need time with our families and friends.

Please enter as many "yes" dates as you can and we will set up the schedules.

If any questions or concerns, please call
 Greg Andries 636-3346
 or
 Francis Redington 471-3925

Comments:

2009 Annual Picnic



WHEN Sunday, 26 August 2001 12:00 P.M.

The Post will supply the meat (Pork Ribs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Brats, the bread and condiments as well as the soft drinks. You bring a side dish of your choosing (please prepare for ten people)

We will also have a volleyball/badminton setup available for your pleasure. In addition, we have the best company a person could ask for.

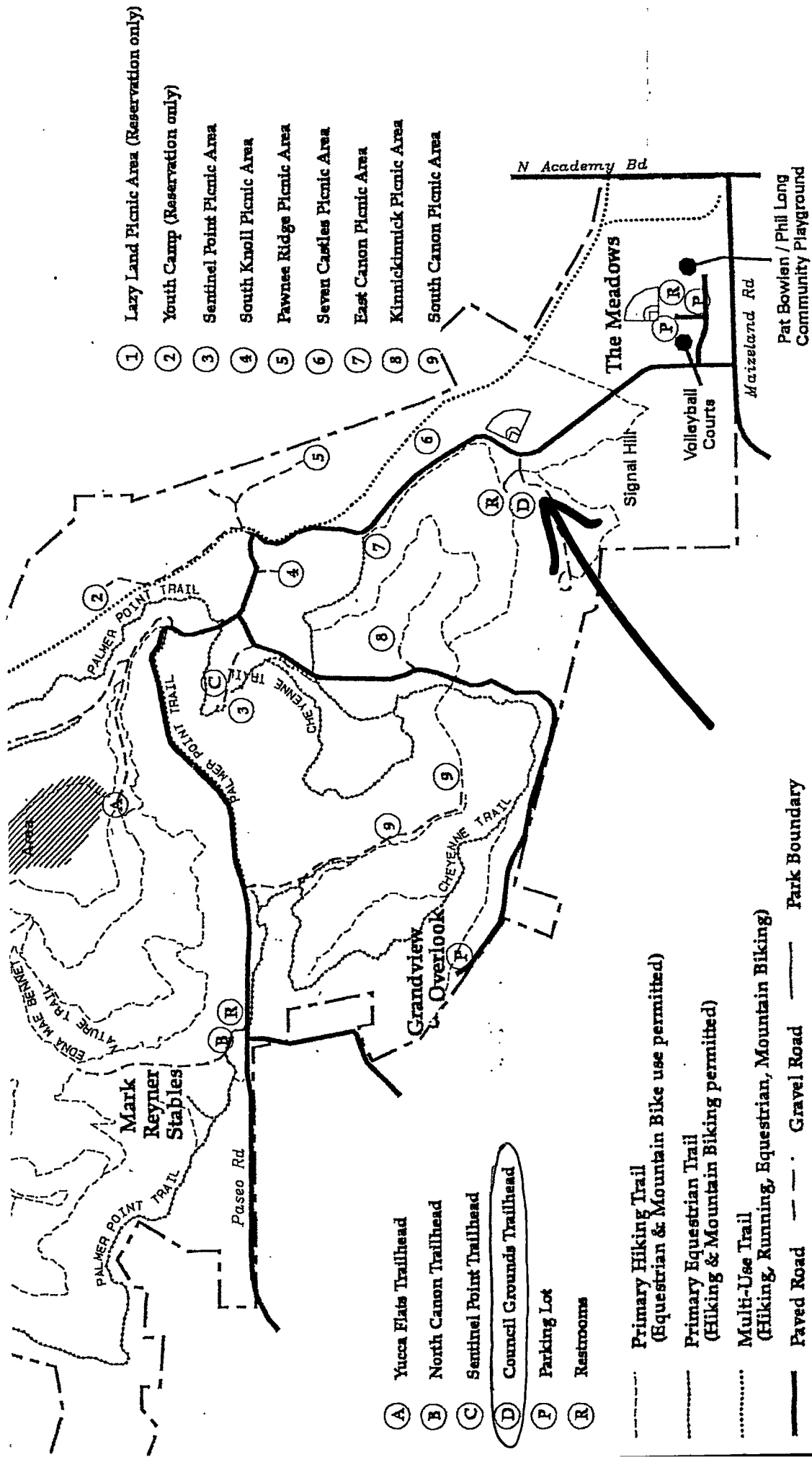
Make plans on attending, all that is needed is for you to call Norm Moyer at 719-392-3725 or Larry Johnson at 719-622-0344 by 22 August and let us know how many adults and how many children if any will be attending.

**Mark your Calendars and make plans
on attending**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

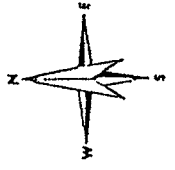
Palmer Park

Park Hours: May 1 to October 31: 5am - 11pm



- 1 Lazy Land Picnic Area (Reservation only)
- 2 Youth Camp (Reservation only)
- 3 Sentinel Point Picnic Area
- 4 South Knoll Picnic Area
- 5 Pawnee Ridge Picnic Area
- 6 Seven Castles Picnic Area
- 7 East Canon Picnic Area
- 8 Kinnickinnick Picnic Area
- 9 South Canon Picnic Area

- A Yucca Flats Trailhead
- B North Canon Trailhead
- C Sentinel Point Trailhead
- D Council Grounds Trailhead
- P Parking Lot
- R Restrooms
- Primary Hiking Trail (Equestrian & Mountain Bike use permitted)
- Primary Equestrian Trail (Hiking & Mountain Biking permitted)
- Multi-Use Trail (Hiking, Running, Equestrian, Mountain Biking)
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Park Boundary
- Dog Run Area: Dogs permitted off leash if under control



Not To Scale