

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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June 2006 – NEWSLETTER

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006

***TREA, Breakfast 9 AM, Membership Meeting 10 AM
Officers' Comments**

COMMANDER – Bill Marshall

At the June 1 Executive Committee meeting it was voted on and passed to publish the Post Newsletter every other month. There will be a July newsletter, but none in August. This is a cost cutting move to help reduce our monthly expenses. It cost approximately \$100 per month to print and mail the newsletter and that will only continue to increase as we gain more members. The calendar will now have two months of upcoming activities and events instead of just one. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Membership

It is not too late to renew your 2006 membership. Although you do not attend meetings, for whatever reason, you are a vital part of The American Legion and the programs we support: Boys State, Oratorical Contest, baseball and Scouts, just to name a few. You may not realize it, but you were a contributor to The American Legion being able to lobby congress against the doubling and tripling of premiums for TriCare, as well as the co-pay for prescription drugs. There is no change for those over 65 with TriCare For Life. The 2.7 million memberships form a loud voice and we were heard. You and your family are very important to us and we will always be there for you. Thank you for all your support in the past, and I know you will help us in the future.

Effective July 1, 2006, those members who have not renewed for 2006, will no longer receive the Post Newsletter.

FREE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

In case you hadn't seen this:

Phone companies are charging us \$1.00 or more for 411 / information calls when they don't have to. When you need to use the 411 / information option, simply dial 1-800-FREE-411 or 1 800-373-3411 without incurring a charge.

This is information people don't mind receiving - Pass it on. Works on cell phone also.

Verified as TRUE on Snopes.com.

***TREA-is located on Emory Circle one block East of Murray off Galley RD.**

SR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler

A reminder to all Post 209 Legionaries - Don't forget our annual picnic. We have the pavilion reserved at Palmer Park at Academy and Montebello on Saturday, July 8, 2006, from 1100 to 1600 hours. There is plenty of parking next to the pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs, cold drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. Our Post Bar-B-Q'er Larry Johnson, will do the grilling honors. Also bring a covered dish, snack or dessert to share. The more the merrier. So plan to attend. There is a possibility that the fire ban currently in effect, will prohibit us from using a propane BBQ. We'll keep you advised.

ADJUTANT – Ann Foster

Membership

Membership for 2006 is 316. That is just ten away from 100% of our goal. Since Department would like to see as many as possible renew, we all need to work on this. Please help wherever you can. New members are always welcome, also.

CHAPLAIN – Mario Taracena

KOREAN CONFLICT, THE FORGOTTEN WAR

Since Japan had annexed Korea in 1910 when it surrendered to the allies in June 1945 (WW II), Korea became occupied by the Soviet Union army in the North and the U.S. forces in the south along the 38th parallel, pending the establishment of a self-government.

When the U.N. sent a commission to supervise elections and assist in forming a government, the North refused to cooperate. Elections were held only in the South. In the North, according to Soviet Union's design, a puppet Communist "People's Republic" was set up.

On June 25, 1950, the well-armed Russian trained Communist force of North Korea invaded South Korea. The U.N. Security Council ordered the invader to withdraw: they refused. President Truman ordered our armed forces to support South Korea under General Macarthur. Red China and North Korea forces quickly captured Seoul. The out numbered U.N. forces retreated southward. Soon only a small port (Pusan) in the south remained in U.N. hands.

In September, General Macarthur, launched a counter-attack. He drove the Communist invaders back to the 38th parallel and continued north to the capital city of North Korea (Pyongyang). He pushed further north to the Yalu River, the Chinese border. The Red Chinese Army of more than one million secretly entered North Korea and attacked U.N. Forces throwing them back to South Korea. The next spring, in 1951, the U.N. troops pushed the Communists back north again and set up a strong defensive line above the 38th parallel. By June 1951, the war had become a stalemate. Both sides were able of starting offensives, but neither could achieve a complete victory. The Communists could not hope to win unless the Soviets intervened, but this would

have meant the beginning of WW III. The U.N. forces could not hope to drive the Chinese from North Korea unless we bombed military targets in China, which might have involved us in a large-scale war with Red China and the USSR.

“ The Boeing B-29 Super-fortress was clearly the best bomber of WWII. As much as I hate to admit it since I crewed on the B-17 Flying Fortress in WWII and the B-29 in the Korean War, I still think the B-17 was as good as the B-29 for its mission during WWII. The B-29 was designated a medium bomber during the Korean War. A WB-29 weather reconnaissance version of the bomber flew missions one day after the North Korean invasion. On 27 June 1950, B-29 crews flew their first bombing missions against North Korean forces. The desperate situation on the ground forced the use of the B-29 in other roles - interdiction and close ground air support. Carpet-bombing was a major campaign on North Korean forces threatening the Pusan perimeter. Although Washington excluded some targets for political reasons, eighteen strategic targets were eliminated by mid-September 1950. During this period, B-29s flew 4,000 sorties and dropped 30,000 tons of bombs. Only four bombers were lost. As the war continued more and more targets were approved for bombing missions. The same tonnage of bombs dropped on North Korea by B-29s during the Korean War was the same as the Army Air Force dropped on Japan During WWII, but with fewer bomber losses.”

An armistice was negotiated in July 1951. Two years later a cease-fire agreement was signed with China and North Korea in July 1953. The U.N. losses included 54,000 Americans killed and 103,000 wounded. Some 8,000 are still missing. Let's not forget that violence and aggression do not pay and with that let's not forget the valor of our troops who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Programs Supported by Post 209

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| -Service to Veterans | -Pikes Peak Veterans Council |
| -Memorial Day & Veterans Day Parade | -Scouting |
| -Boy's State | -Jr. ROTC |
| -Crawford House for Homeless Veterans | -Jr. Shooting Program |
| - Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans | -Oratorical Contest |

Coming Events

- June 10----Membership Meeting
- June 14----Flag Day, U.S. Army Birthday
- June 18----Father's Day
- June 21----Summer Begins
- June 22-26----Department Convention

2006-2007 Ad Hoc Committees

- Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510
- Property Inventory
 - Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624
 - Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344
- Auxiliary Liaison – W.W. Bandler
- Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

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2006-2007 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st
 Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin
 Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the
 month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.
 104 immediately following Post Executive
 Committee Meeting.

2006-2007 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee	
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Sergeant-at-Arms	

Calendar

June 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 E.C.Mtg.	2	3
4	5	6	7	8.	9	10 Post membership Mtg.
11	12	13	14 Flag Day U.S. Army Birthday	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Summer Begins	22 Dept. Conv.	23 Dept. Conv.	24 Dept. Conv.
25 Dept. Conv.	26	27	28	29	30	

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