



**American Legion
Centennial Post 209
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ITEM 1: THE BAD NEWS! We are faced with a situation that forces us to move our meeting place again. The REA Club, where we were meeting, is now booking Bingo every night of the week, and in their present facility they do not have room for us to meet without our usurping facilities intended for their members. We tried meeting in their dining area during our last meeting but found it was too open to conduct formal business sessions. So, by way of George Dayhof, the REA Club Manager, and a recipient of our newsletter, I take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the generosity our REA comrades-in-arms extended to us in allowing us to use their facilities for our meetings. We wish them all success in their endeavors.

ITEM 2: THE GOOD NEWS! Bud Eberhart has obtained permission to use the conference room facilities at the Ken Reyhons Realtors Office (his employer) at 3320 Austin Bluffs Parkway. The offices are on the north side of the Parkway (opposite side of street from 1st Bank) just east of the intersection of Meadowland, American and Austin Bluffs Parkway. These facilities are nice and will adequately accommodate our normal meeting turn out. We intend to lay in some cold beer (Coors and Bud) and some bourbon and rum with appropriate mixers and ice for refreshments. These can be bought on a per drink basis.

ITEM 3: Our next meeting will be held at Ken Reyhons Realtors Office at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 March 1983. Come out and see our new facilities. We need your participation and surprisingly--although I could not publish a newsletter for the February meeting, we had a nice turn out, all nine of us.

ITEM 4: Our membership renewal is falling way behind. Our goal is 60 and so far we have only 42 and several of those are new members. Please don't become delinquent. We need you active in our Post, so if you have not yet sent in your \$18.00, please do so now.

ITEM 5: We have received permission from the Colorado Secretary of State to conserve our raffle proceeds for future use. The only caveat applied was that the monies must be deposited in a designated building fund account and that only expenditures authorized by statute may be withdrawn. In conjunction with this, Norm Avery found it necessary to withdraw as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He is being replaced by Joe Wooton. The other committee members remain--David Thomas, John Kovar, Floyd Paxton. Norm, thanks for making our first raffle a success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

ITEM 6: As usual, we can always use help with Bingo. We are obligated to provide six workers a week for a period of about 4 hours (6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.). This activity is our main money making resource and has placed us on a sound financial footing. All members who possibly can see their way clear to assist should give their names to Wally Lonsinger (596-0194) so that he can call on you to assist the Post at least on a fill-in basis. The work isn't strenuous and you get to meet a lot of nice people.

ITEM 7: This goes back to a topic I have written of before and about which we have had some serious discussion at our meetings. This topic is "a place of our own". It is the consensus that until we can hang a sign somewhere saying this is "American Legion Centennial Post 209" we will never realize our goal of being a viable asset to our community and to the Legion. No matter how hard we try, we will remain a small post with a stagnant membership with the new people eligible to join us opting for a post with a "hut" and a bar. In order to see how you feel about this very important matter and to measure our degree of commitment to our goal, we are formulating a questionnaire asking your opinion on a number of things related directly and

indirectly to this matter of establishing our presence in this community. Please answer our inquiry as completely as possible when you receive the questionnaire. We want your input. Without that input we are just blowing in the wind.

Thank you for your attention. Remember - come to our meeting on 15 March; renew your membership if you haven't already done so; get at least one new member; volunteer to help at Bingo; and, finally, answer your questionnaire (opinion poll) when you receive it.

For God and Country,

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