



Centennial Post 209

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MARCH 85

NEWSLETTER

ITEM: 1

I must apologize for not sending out a newsletter last month. However, circumstances precluded my doing so therefore, no newsletter. Nevertheless, we did have a good turnout at the meeting last month. I normally make a concerted effort to get out a newsletter but should I not succeed, please make a note on your calendar indicating the 3rd Tuesday of each month as Legion meeting night.

ITEM: 2

Membership - Our membership is growing, however, there are several members who have not renewed their membership even at this late date. We are still far short of our post goal of 135 members. We still need each member's commitment of "Each member sign up a new member". I am still awaiting a response from Department regarding our proposed Permanent Membership request. Hopefully, I will have an answer for you at our upcoming meeting.

Why is membership so important??

Fellow Legionnaires, these are the times that try men's souls. Never before in the history of this great nation have I heard a statement by a public official of Mr. Stockman's stature that tended to degrade the military. This statement by Mr. Stockman in light of his status as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam Crisis, points more vividly to the need of a strong Legion to combat the autocracies of the classes and the masses. It is now, as never before that we need the increased membership to accomplish this task. We are not a political organization that supports PAC's, but we can be heard by the force of our numbers and organizational resolutions. We need the membership to be heard forcefully.

ITEM: 3

Bingo - We are still having our weekly Bingo with the same few workers supporting it. We are still in need of more workers --if you can see your way clear to do so, please come out on Thursday night and give us a hand. We have a lot of fun and the hours aren't long. If you can't walk the floor selling cards, there are sit-down jobs you may be able to do. In any case, come out and see what you can do to help.

ITEM: 4

Post Club - Last Sunday the Executive Committee met with the Building Committee to discuss the acquisition of a facility. We were all in general accord on the acquisition, however, it will be brought to the general membership at the upcoming membership meeting. Plan to attend the meeting and voice your opinion, pro or con.

We could also form an Auxiliary, if we had our own facility.

ITEM: 5

Department Convention - The Department of Colorado Annual Convention will convene June 20 - 23, 1985 at Breckenridge, Colorado. Provisions are being made to accomodate families at this gathering so that the younger veterans can attend with their families. The cost for accomodations are minimal and it would surely be nice if as many as possible from Post 209 could be in attendance. I am planning to run for Jr. Vice Commander at this convention and would greatly appreciate your support. I hope to see many of you at this function.

ITEM: 6

Sick and Shut-Ins - I am happy to report that Gym Reese is now home and doing fine. Yvette Thorne was out to our Thursday Night Bingo last week and is also doing fine. If you know of anyone who is ill or shut-in, please let us know. Benson Lennie is now in Home Lake and doing well. His wife has moved over there with him and I am proud that the post could help them relocate.

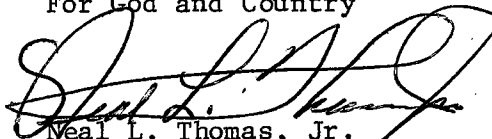
ITEM: 7

Meeting - Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7 p.m., 19 March 1985, at the Retired Enlisted Association Club, 834 Emory Circle. Plan to attend and get involved. Perhaps this will be our last meeting at this facility, if we acquire our own club. Please note the time change to 7 P.M.

ITEM: 8

Election of Officers - A nominating Committee will be appointed at this meeting to appoint potential new officers for 85-86. If you are interested in filling a post position, please come out and make it known. We also need several Committee Chairmen and members. Get Involved!

For God and Country



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