



# Centennial Post 209

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Colorado Springs, CO 80935

## NEWSLETTER

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JOHN KOVAR

### Commanders Comments:

For the third month in a row we have had twenty members present for the meeting. I like the renewed interest in the Operation of the Post that is being shown, KEEP UP THE INTEREST!!

We have had quite a bit of activity within the Post in order to get the club open. A Health inspection has been done and we are working on the few discrepancies that were noted.

Much work has been done By John Kovar as well as the Club Director Bob LaFrenierre. I would like to say that all the hard work is appreciated and I would like to extend my sincere thank you to you and all of the members who have been working towards the opening of the Post Home.

The next meeting is the 16th of March 1989, I would like to invite all members to attend this meeting and see what is happening. Also, at the next meeting The District Seven Officers will be present for their second and last visitation this year. Come out and meet them.

The Auxiliary has gotten together and decided on some dishes for the American Legion Birthday Party that will be held on the 18th of March down at the Post home. It will be a "COVERED DISH" affair open to all our members and their families. The Post will supply the main meat dishes and the general membership would provide a sampling of their side-dish specialties. That would include hors d'oeuvres, canapes, starch dishes (potatoes, rice, etc) breads, dips, vegies, cookies, desserts, relishes, and whatever you feel will fit with this festive occasion.

MAX HOYER  
COMMANDER

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

I would like to thank the following members for their time and efforts, last week in getting the club ready for the Health Inspection.

John Kovar  
Bob LaFrenierre  
Dave Thomas  
Bob Morris  
Neal Thomas

### **Why You Should Belong To The American Legion**

The American Legion. Patriotism. Service. Fraternity. It's a powerful package! It's a program of involvement in many facets of your life. It's a program which can have a positive influence in the lives of you and your fellow citizens. It's a program of promise!

#### **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

If you served honorably on active duty in the U. S. Military for at least one day during any of the following periods, you are eligible:

**WWI** — April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918

**WWII** — December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946

**Korea** — June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955

**Vietnam** — December 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975

The American Legion programs which support the children and youth of America include American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Special Olympics, American Legion Baseball, and many more.

Veterans assistance provided by The American Legion includes Temporary Financial Assistance, Employment Assistance, Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation, Field Services, all developed to provide veterans with the quality care and assistance they deserve.

As a new member of The American Legion, you'll be eligible to participate in the American Life Insurance Program, the largest low cost life insurance program of its kind in the country.

By joining The American Legion you will become part of the nation's largest and fastest growing veterans organization. And you can help your fellow veterans receive the entitlements we earned as a result of our service to a grateful nation.

Don't wait any longer. Contact American Legion Post (Post Name/Number and telephone number) today!

Our membership is looking fairly good but we still have 78 members who have not renewed their membership. Your membership is important to us in the American Legion for a number of reasons.

One reason, is that you are a integral member of our family, second with your membership we have one more than can lend their say to our fight for support of veterans and their families in congress, Third, it is nice to be able to meet and make new friends everytime a veteran renews or joins the American Legion. These are just a few but if everyone would put there heads together I am sure that we could thousands of reasons to renew or join us. Please take some time ( about three minutes) and make out a check to renew your dues in our organization and stay a member of our family. Do not worry if you cannot find your notice just attach a note and <sup>we</sup> will take it from there. A reminder our dues are \$20.00 a year.

As our Commander stated earlier, we are going to celebrate the Birthday of the American Legion on the 18th of March. The celebration will begin at 7:00 PM at the Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd. It is open to members and their families. Please make plans to attend, it promises to be a gala affair.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

A meeting of the Nominating Committee will be held at the Post Home on 7 March 1989. Any member who would like to be an Officer for the 1989-1990 American Legion year please come down to the Post Home and put your name before the Committee. The meeting will commence at 7:00 PM. The Elected officers of the Post are as follows:

COMMANDER

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER  
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER  
ADJUTANT  
FINANCE OFFICER  
CHAPLAIN  
SERGEANT AT ARMS  
HISTORIAN

JUNE THOMAS  
COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN

## Attention - Women

*Did you serve in the  
Armed Forces of the United States?*

*Are you missing out on the  
Veterans Entitlements you earned  
through your military service?*

Education Assistance  
Guaranteed Home Loans  
Job Training Assistance  
Disability Compensation  
Medical Care...and more

*Find out more about the VA Benefits  
to which you are entitled.*

Contact:



(Local Post Address/Phone)

**REMEMBER: You earned your VA benefits.  
Call or visit today!**

## I NEED YOUR HELP!

All of us care about our fellow veterans, about our national security and the future of this country. That's why we joined The American Legion.

But, just caring isn't enough anymore. The American Legion needs your help.

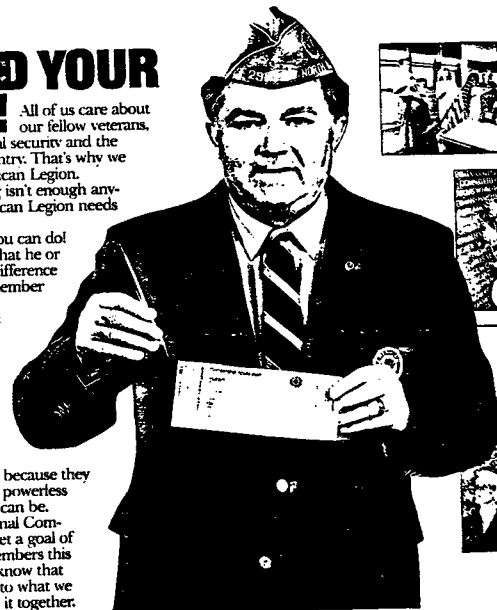
Here is what you can do: Tell a veteran that he or she can make a difference by becoming a member of The American Legion. Then ask that person to join us.

Maybe he or she is a friend... a neighbor... a relative... or someone at work. There are millions who will say yes if we ask, because they understand how powerless one lonely voice can be.

As your National Commander I have set a goal of three million members this year. Because I know that there is no limit to what we can do...if we do it together.

If you will sign up just one new member, I will send you our crossed American and American Legion flags lapel pin. Wear it with pride...because it proves you care a little more than most.

It means you care enough about your fellow veterans, about terrorist threats to our national security, and the quality of life in America to do something, NOW!



AUXILIARY CORNER:

HI LADIES,

We had a good meeting in February and a lot of things were discussed. Some of these are as follows;

The American Legion Birthday Party which will be held 18 March 1989 at the Post Home starting at 7:00 PM. The Legion will provide the main meat dishes and we are asked to bring a covered dish.

The intitiation of new members will be conducted during the meeting in March. The Legion has granted our request to utilize the mens meeting room for this event. Lets all come out and make this a successful event. Don;t forget that the District President as well as the officers of the District will also be present.

We will be having a Flea Market sometime during the month of June. Now is the time to begin cleaning closets, garages, etc in order to sell your treasures.

Also discussed was having a Chili Dinner during the Flea Market, Everyone who has a good Chili Recipe needs to dust it off and get ready to have a Chili Cook-Off.

A special meeting is being called for Thursday 9 March 1989 at 7:00 PM. The reason for this meeting is that we have to rehearse the speaking parts for the intitiation of new members.

The next meeting will be 16 March 1989. The District Officers will be present. Come out for the intitiation and to meet the officers.

I hope to see you at the next meeting. If you have not be initiated or if you have questions please call me at 574-0646. We need more ideas for fund raising.

MARGERY JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 1989

- 07 MARCH 1989 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING, 7:00 PM AT THE POST HOME 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
- 12 MARCH 1989 DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING, Post 5, 15 East Platte Avenue
- 14 MARCH 1989 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM. HELD AT POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
- 16 MARCH 1989 POST MEETING at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM. Come out and meet and visit with the District Commander and the Officers of District Seven
- 17 MARCH 1989 ST PATRICK'S DAY

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18 MARCH 1989 American Legion Birthday Party. Start 7:00 PM at the Post Home. 1337 North Academy Blvd.  
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- 19 MARCH 1989 PALM SUNDAY
- 24 MARCH 1989 GOOD FRIDAY
- 26 MARCH 1989 EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1989

- 11 APRIL 1989 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM HELD AT POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
- 20 APRIL 1989 POST MEETING at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM. Election of Post Officers for upcoming year

MAY 1989

- 9 MAY 1989 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM. HELD AT POST HOME, LOCATED AT 1337 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
- 16 MAY 1989 ARMED FORCES DAY
- 18 MAY 1989 POST MEETING at Post Home located at 1337 North Academy Blvd Meeting time 7:00 PM.

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19 MAY 1989 INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS. Place AFA NCO Club  
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- 21 MAY 1989 MOTHER'S DAY
- 28 MAY 1989 DISTRICT CONVENTION, Post 38  
6685 Southmoor Drive. Security Registration 12:30, Meeting starts 1:00 PM. Elections of District Officers
- 29 MAY 1989 MEMORIAL DAY

Since May 1983 there has evolved a unique co-operative citizen/government effort to construct the COLORADO TRIBUTE TO VETERANS on the grounds of the State Capitol — something that has not been done by Colorado since the Spanish-American War in 1898. The State of Colorado provided the site, proclaimed the design competition, will supervise the entire construction process and will take over possession and maintenance upon dedication. The **Colorado Tribute to Veterans Fund**, an all volunteer, non-profit, private corporation, selected the TRIBUTE design and is organizing the \$495,000 fundraising effort of which over 90% will go for construction. If you want to express your gratitude and respect for the men and women whose proud service and brave sacrifice has kept our nation strong and free, send your tax-deductible donation today. We can not succeed in this long overdue project to be financed entirely by private contribution without you!



This site on the west grounds of the State Capitol was authorized unanimously by the 1984 Colorado Legislature. Looking eastward from across Broadway Avenue, the State Capitol is in the background with Lincoln Avenue at the base of the hill.

**Notes With Donations:**

*Good Luck - It is a great idea! Lieutenant, Navy, Vietnam. Sergeant, Marines, Vietnam. Technicians Mate, Navy, WW II Korea. Staff Sergeant, Army Air Force, WW II."*

*Enclosed is my donation for the Colorado memorial. I am a native of Kansas and have lived in Colorado for the past two years. I'm a former infantryman with the 9th Division, Vietnam, 1969-70."*

*We want to support your project - it is a fine one. Our son died in Vietnam and now we have a greater appreciation of all veterans. Cheers of success for your long overdue project."*

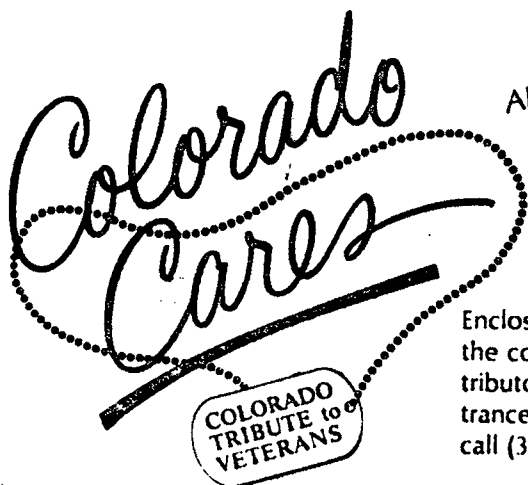
*"I'm not a veteran. I'm a high school grad but I can see the need for the memorial and would like to help. I'll try to get my friends to do the same because I think everyone should help."*

*"As a small child, I sold poppies on the street corner on the Saturday before Memorial Day. I knew what the day meant because I was lucky to get my Dad back from WW II. He is now gone but I really would like to send along a donation. This is my way of selling poppies on the street corner for an excellent cause."*

*"I felt I should write and send a donation to the TRIBUTE for the four veterans in my family: father - WW II, mother - WW II, father-in-law - WW II, husband - 1961-64."*

*"My heart has long ached for the veterans of Vietnam. Finally, the US is opening its eyes and hearts to their bravery. I'm only 16 and know little of war. Recently, I wrote a report about it and learned a lot. I'm glad our awareness is growing and hope this monument will be completed by Memorial Day next year."*

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Detach and send with donation



AND SO DOES...

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my tax deductible donation of  \$100  \$50  \$25  \$10  Other for the construction of the COLORADO TRIBUTE TO VETERANS. The name of each contributor, if desired, and their "in memory/honor" designation will be listed at the west entrance of the State Capitol overlooking the completed TRIBUTE. If you have any questions call (303) 756-1817.

EL PASO COUNTY  
Veterans Service Office  
P. O. Box 2692  
Colo. Springs, CO 80901

IN MEMORY — HONOR OF

Mail to: Tribute to Veterans Fund  
Office of the House Speaker  
State Capitol  
Denver, CO 80203



## COLORADO VETERANS MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

**The Time Has Come to Say Thank You!**



Bob Hope helped. You can too. It's easy. Simply use the check-off on your 1988 Colorado Tax Return! This is a **ONE TIME** opportunity for you to honor Colorado's veterans.

Your donation will be used to build a Veterans Memorial Tribute west of the State Capitol. It's for our veterans, and it's for you. Not in this century has Colorado honored those who have paid the price of freedom. Whether you owe taxes or expect a refund, you can donate. Look for the check-off on your State Tax Return.

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# NOTICE CLUB OPENS

MON - FRI  
9 TO 5

OPEN FOR SOUPS AND  
SANDWICHES  
AND COKES UNTIL  
WE GET LICENSE.

COME DOWN AND SEE THE CLUB AND MEET SOMEONE NEW

10 MAR