



**CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION**



MARCH 1994

**FROM COMMANDER FLOYD
BUFKIN**

As you know, we are approaching the time of year for election of officers for the post for the coming year. Our elections will be held at the general membership meeting on April 21. I urge everyone to attend this very special event so they may nominate and elect the Legionnaires whom they would most like to see in office. I feel that if you don't attend the meeting and vote for the people you feel are best qualified to run the organization, you really don't have much cause to complain when things aren't done to your satisfaction.

For those who would like to participate more in decisions affecting the post, this is your chance. Come to the meeting and run for office. GET INVOLVED!!!

**DOD ADDRESSES PERSIAN GULF
ILLNESS**

Major General Ronald Blanck addressed every theory speculated to cause the "mystery illness" to include leishmaniasis (a parasitic

infection), oil fire smoke, preventive drugs to counter the effect of chemical and biological agents, depleted uranium ammunition, and the use of chemical warfare by the Iraqi. While the General did not dismiss such theories, he did cast doubts to their validity. He stated that the leishmaniasis cases were too few to account for the number of claims. The oil smoke theory was refuted because the smoke particles were either too large to be infiltrated into the body or the extreme heat of the fires incinerated most of the particles. He also surmised that the preventive drugs were either FDA-approved or were in such long-standing use that their issuance was deemed safe, and the depleted uranium rounds were dismissed as highly improbable to be the cause of the illness. He further concluded that even though the presence of chemical weapons was found, it was in such insignificant amounts to pose any health hazards. He stated that the two main symptoms affecting veterans are chronic fatigue and multi-chemical sensitivities. These vague conditions have been the catalyst of the difficulty with adjudicating

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COMMANDER FLOYD BUFKIN
SR VICE COMMANDER AL CYRIAQUE
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JUDGE ADVOCATE GEORGE CARNES
SERVICE OFFICER TED RIDDLE
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN NEAL THOMAS

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, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT DOROTHY DASSERO
2ND VICE PRESIDENT LOIS EGNOR
SECRETARY MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER PATTI HABAN
HISTORIAN HILDA PIFER
CHAPLAIN MARIA SANDOVAL
SGT-AT-ARMS IREANA CAMPBELL

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.
POTLUCK - 6:00 p.m.

EDITOR
DOROTHY DASSERO

such claims. Consequently, service-connection is denied and no compensation or treatment is given. His most promising statement was that Persian Gulf veterans would now be given care and treatment even if service-connection is denied.

**HARRY JOHNSON, JR.,
VICE COMMANDER**

For the ones who did not go on the Cripple Creek trip, you missed a great time. The prime rib was tender and juicy - one member won \$161 on the slot machines. Try to go next time.

The American Legion Birthday Party will be March 12, 1994. Reservations closed March 1. We will start with a cash bar from 6:00 to 6:30, and will eat at 6:30 P.M. The menu will be roast beef, potato, mixed vegetable, salad, with cake and ice cream for dessert.

The installation of officers will be May 21, as of this writing, and the site is yet to be determined. More on this later.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

Membership is now 424. That is better than halfway to 85% from 80%. We only need 97 more to reach 100% and 147 more to reach 110%. Our 32K goal for this year. We have 151

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members from 1993 who have not renewed. There are 44,000 retirees in El Paso County and every active duty member assigned here is eligible to be a member. With this much potential we could certainly reach our goals by the end of May!

Maybe I need to ask some questions. Do you care about your benefits? Do you care about your fellow veterans? Do you care about maintaining your freedom with a force strong enough to do just that? Congress is right now making decisions that will directly impact each one of us! If we don't stand up and be counted, then we will have no one to blame but ourselves for the loss of the benefits that we say our country owes us for the sacrifices we made by our service to it! We can no longer afford to be apathetic. We can no longer afford to think it is up to someone else. NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS!

The American Legion National Oratorical Contest will be 15 April 1994 at the Air Force Academy in Fairchild Hall. As the local hosts, we need people to be ushers and escorts that day. The out-of-town people attending, including the contestants, will be staying at the Radisson North at I-25 and North Academy Blvd. Buses will be available there and then at the Field House to transport people wishing to help and/or attend this important event. If you could be an usher, would you please call the office at 599-8624 and leave a message to that effect. This would be an excellent event for a retiree, so ring our chime.

We will not be gathering at Calvary United Methodist Church this month for a General Meeting because the birthday dinner on March 12 will be taking the place of our General Meeting. Thus, the next time we

meet at the church will be 21 April. At that time, we will have initiation for new members or members who have never been initiated, and election of officers for the coming Legion year. Please call the office, 599-8624 if you would like to be initiated. This is a very nice ceremony, so please call if you care to participate. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be at the office April 6.



DIVIDEND ENTITLEMENT HOAX
From: CVA Newsletter

It has come to our attention that the insurance hoax letter is being circulated again, stating Congress recently passed a bill entitling veterans to a dividend on the GI insurance they had while on active duty. No such legislation has been made. In fact, Servicemens Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is term life insurance and pays no dividends. The letter continues on to state a veteran should apply to a bogus "Veterans Center" in Philadelphia. The letter also states that the "Veterans Administration" is processing these claims. As you know, since October 1988, there is no "Veterans Administration." It is now referred to as the Department of Veteran Affairs. Lets get the word out about this hoax and advise our veteran community of any legitimate benefits they may be entitled to, such as, the DVA will pay more than \$95 million in dividends in 1994 to veterans holding active veteran's life insurance policies.

AUXILIARY NEWS

PRESIDENT - BARBARA JOHNSON

We had a good turn-out for our February meeting. The potluck was a big success with lots of good food. Our Auxiliary has the best cooks!

The Cripple Creek trip was lots of fun. The weather was beautiful.

The Legion Birthday dinner will be March 12. Reservations are a must and must be made by March 1. The dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3613 Jeannine Drive. Turn west off Academy at Bennigans, go North on Jeannine Drive and the hall is on your right.

Our March 17 meeting will be Initiation. If any of you ladies have not been initiated and would like to be, please call me by March 11 so we can prepare for the initiation...596-9261.

March 26 we will be going to the Florence Nursing Home to host the birthday for the veteran patients who have birthdays in March. You are invited to come along. The party starts at 2:00.

Officers: the Executive Meeting will be at the Legion office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway #104, at 7:00 P.M. on March 2. Hope to see you there.

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

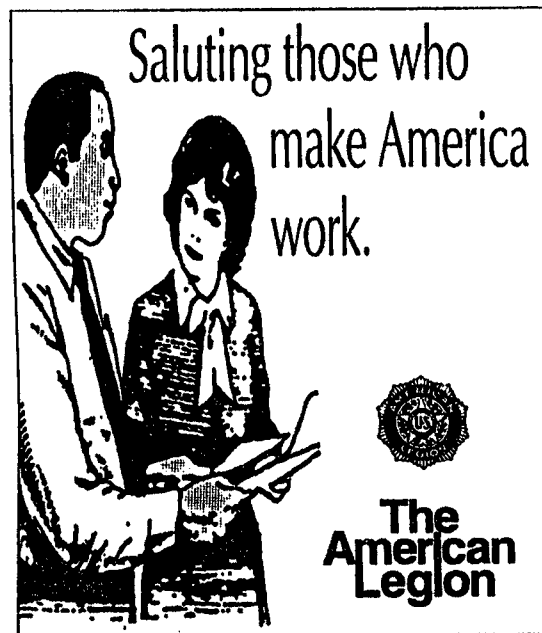
We are still climbing...in fact, out of our eighty nine members, we have 69 or 77% renewed. We're ahead of the Legion, percentagewise. The second mailing of renewal notices mailed by National is responsible for that I suspect. No matter, we are happy to receive it. I'd sure snicker if we could stay ahead of them.

Thanks to the many people who sent cards to me during my recuperation. I really appreciated them. It gives you such a boost in morale to know people are thinking of you.

Hope many of you are planning to attend the District Ball. Good food, good and varied music to tempt all ages. Cost of the evening is \$10.00. It's fun to put on our best bib and tucker, dine instead of eating, and trip a little light fantastic.

SALON 422 8 ET 40

Salon 422 of the 8&40 will hold its regular meeting at Post 5, March 21 7:30 P.M. Florence Spiewak will hostess this meeting.



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February 15, 1994

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Our new association is the beginning of two great organizations working together to maintain the ideals and values that we can pass on to the next generation of Americans.

If you have any questions about our special offer, or if you would like more information about Buick, please feel free to call us at 1-800-4A-BUICK.

Sincerely,

R.E. Coletta
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General Sales and Service Manager
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\$400		YES! I WISH TO SAVE \$400 ON ANY NEW BUICK		\$400	
<p>CUSTOMER NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>DEALER CODE _____ DELIVERY _____</p> <p>ASSIGN TO DEALER _____ MAIL TO CUSTOMER _____</p> <p>VIN OF VEHICLE PURCHASED _____</p> <p>CUSTOMER SIGNATURE / DATE _____ DEALER SIGNATURE _____</p>					
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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5. Only one certificate per retail purchase.

6. After you negotiate a purchase price with your dealer, present this certificate. Your dealer will deduct \$400 from the purchase price.
7. See your dealer for details concerning availability of this incentive with other incentives from Buick.
8. Certificate does not apply toward Buick incentives Smart Lease and Smart Buy deliveries.
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ALSO A \$100 DONATION WILL BE GIVEN TO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ON EVERY PURCHASE.






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March 1994

CENTENNIAL 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2  7:00pm EXEC MTG	3	4 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	5
6  1:00pm DISTRICT MTG POST 13 CANON CITY	7	8	9	10	11 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	12  6:00pm LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER
13	14  8:00pm 40/8 MTG	15	16	17 St. Patrick's 	18 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	19
20 <i>Spring begins</i>	21	22	23	24	25 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	26
27 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	28	29	30	31		

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HELP BRING IN OUR MEMBERS

3/2/1994

April 1994

CENTENNIAL 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1 <i>April Fools Day</i> Good Friday <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE</div>	2
3  <i>Daylight Savings</i> <i>Easter</i>	4	5	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">7:00pm EXEC MTG</div>	7	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE</div>	9
10	11  8:00pm 40/8 MTG	12	13	14	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE</div>	16
17	18	19	20	21  6:00pm POST MTG & SOCIAL HOUR	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE</div>	23
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