



THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL POST 209
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March 2004 Newsletter

From The Commander - Chuck Zeitvogel

It Was A Success!

Thirty-three (33) Post 209 legionnaires attended the Saturday morning, February 21st General Membership Meeting. Congratulations to all who attended. Discussions took place concerning the disposition of the 7.4-acre lot owned by Post 209 and the vision to build/acquire a Post Home for Post 209. Also a motion was made to change the Bylaws. Details on that motion follow.

You are important in what is decided for the future for your Post 209. Without question you are needed to attend the March 13th Saturday morning General Membership. It will be in the TREA Auxiliary Room and start at 10:00 A.M. Come early and enjoy having breakfast in the TREA Dining Room. It opens at 8:00 A.M. Saturday mornings.

Change in the Bylaws

A motion was made to change Article X, Meetings, Section 5 of our bylaws. It currently reads: *Ten percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a regular or special meeting.* The motion was made to change this to read: *Twelve (12) members, three (3) of which must be elected officers of Post 209, will constitute a quorum at regular and special membership meetings.*

This is an important change, members are encouraged to vote for it so that business can be conducted in a timely manner for the benefit of your Post 209. Attend the March 13th meeting and vote for this change.

Donations to Post 209

A request for donations from members was made in our February 2004 newsletter. Several members have already made \$120.00 donations. Donations take the place of working in fund raising projects for Post 209. They are necessary for the financial viability of your Post. Please make your donation if you have not already done so. Recognition will be given in a future newsletter to those donating.

See the Finance Officer's report in this newsletter for expenses currently incurred by Post 209. Contact the office if you have questions.

New Officer Elections for Post 209. Election for new officers will take place at the April 10th General Membership Meeting. Make your nominations for new officers to the Nomination Committee. Nominate yourself should you like to serve and be an officer of this Post. Let your voice be heard. Call the office to contact the Nomination Committee.

Editor for Newsletter Needed

A newsletter editor will be needed with the election of new officers. Should you have a talent and a willingness to work on the Post 209 newsletter please let it be known. You and your services will be appreciated. Call the office to offer your services, (719) 599-8624.

Memberships - New & Renewals.

New & renewing members and their active participation drives what can be done in Post 209. Members want and expect service in times of need. And, we try to provide that service. Recruit a new member for the benefit of your Post 209 and The American Legion.

From Chaplain - Howard Hornick

Reported ill or sick: Reginald Clay in hospital in Denver
Reported Passing: None

We are pleased to see our service people returning from Iraq, and hope there will be many more.

Taps for many it is mournful and yet peaceful to hear; when we hear *taps* it is a reminder that a service member or veteran has passed. Let us pause when we hear *taps*, and in our own way offer a prayer for the souls of those who have passed and that they will rest in peace.

Taps
Day Done
Gone the Sun
From the Lake
From the Hill
From the Sky
Rest in Peace
Soldier Brave]
God is Nigh.

Nominating Committee Report.

Chairman - Neal Thomas, with members Tom Morant & Robert Rydell are considering nominations for the following officer positions. This is for Legion year June 2004 thru June 2005. Contact the Committee to offer your nominations or to nominate yourself. See yourself in a Post 209 leadership position.

Commander
Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
Adjutant
Finance Officer
Sgt. at Arms
Chaplain
Historian

Post Executive Committeeman **

Judge Advocate ** ** - Appointed by new Commander with consent of the Executive Committee

Service Officer - Appointed by new Commander with consent of the Executive Committee

Finance Officer Report

This position is open. It needs someone who knows Quick Books to fill it.

Many thanks to new Post 209 Legionnaire, Todd Delahanty, for updating and entering financial data in our Quick Books program. He worked at it Saturday afternoon after the February 21st General Membership Meeting and again Monday night, Feb 23rd.

The following report is from Commander Chuck Zeitvogel.

Current Post 209's expenses average approximately \$1,800 per month. Membership fees do not cover these expenses. The following expense information is for your consideration.

Monthly Fixed Expenses (Rounded off)

\$ 583.00 - Office Rent (Central Colorado Management Co)
144.00 - Copy Machine Lease (Great American Leasing Corporation)
100.00 - Storage Unit (Austin Bluffs Self Storage)
66.00 - Telephone Service (Quest)
62.00 - Copy Machine Service Contract (Bircham's Office Products)
30.00 - Bulk Mail for newsletter/Estimated (U.S. Postal Service)
14.00 - 1st Class Mail/Estimated (\$37.00/roll of 100 stamps to U.S. Postal Service - roll may last 3 months)
10.00 - Paper for newsletter & other purposes/Estimated (Office Depot & Office Max)
\$1,009.00 Sub Total/month for Fixed Monthly Expenses

Annual Expenses - Rounded

\$5,596.00 - Property Tax on 7.38 acre lot owned by Post 209 (El Paso County Clerk/Recorder)
480.00 - Preparation of Form 990/tax reports (John L. Hurd & Company)
400.00 - Tractor & Bush-hog rental to cut weeds & grass on lot (All Rental/twice a year @ \$200 each time)
290.00 - Bond for Members with access to Post 209 finances (CNA Surety /Brown & Brown Ins)
180.00 - Internet Service (PCI Systems)
150.00 - Business Mail Entry Fee/Bulk Mail Permit (U.S. Postal Service)
100.00 - Port-a-Potty Rental for annual picnic at lot (U.S. Waste Industries)
63.00 - Bingo/Raffle License Renewal fee (Colorado - Secretary of State)
13.00 - Post 209's Trailer Registration ((El Paso County Clerk & Recorder) (\$7,272.00 sub total @ this point
1,810.00 - Liability Insurance (Brown & Brown Insurance Brokers)
130.00 - Department of Colorado Convention fees estimated (American Legion Department of Colorado)
150.00 - District 7 Meetings & Convention fees estimated (American Legion District 7)
\$9,362.00 - Estimated Sub Total - Annual Expenses. This divided by 12months is approximately \$780.00 per month.

This \$780.00 plus the Sub Total of \$1,009.00 monthly expenses listed above comes to approximately \$1,789.00 or **\$1,800.00 rounded for over all monthly expenses.**

This does not take into consideration what is paid out for Boys State/Scouting & Other Service Projects.

Donations to Post 209 are greatly appreciated. Recognition will be given in a future newsletter. The request for each member to donate \$120 per year or \$10 per month was in our February 2004 newsletter. Donations are needed for Post 209 to remain financially viable.

Contributions & Donations to Post 209 will be recognized in a future newsletter.

It is our intention to recognize significant contributions & donations with Special Certificates.

From Adjutant - Ann Foster

We now have 272 members for 2004 and need only 13 more for 100%. Dare we dream of 105% (27 more) or 110% (42 more)? I think it is possible, but it will require the support of the entire Post to make it happen! There has to be at least one person you know that is a veteran and does not yet belong to The American Legion. We live in a city full of veterans and yes I know that some belong to other veteran service organizations. However, you can belong to more than one and choose to be active in only one of them! As examples, I belong to the following: The American Legion, the Air Force Association (AFA), the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), the Disabled Veterans Organization (DAV), and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). You may ask why so many and the answer is a desire to support and/or affiliate with those groups that are of my branch of service as well as how I served, i.e., both officer and enlisted. I belong to DAV as a 50% disabled veteran. Their magazine does an excellent job of keeping me up on disability issues for veterans. I have paid life dues in each of them. Thus, I do not have to worry about dues annually. Another way to look at this is the knowledge that the support of membership in each enhances the work of each. This is particularly true of the work each does at the national level to advance the concerns of veterans before Congress. I choose to be active in The American Legion, because it is the largest, the oldest, is family oriented and has an excellent record at the National, Department and local level. We have other members of our Post who belong to their branch of service veteran's organization as well as The American Legion. Examples are the Navy League, the Marine Corps League, the Korean Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. So, let's make it simple. If you know someone who is eligible to belong to The American Legion, just call or write us with the name, address, and telephone of that person. We will take it from there. With your help we can go above and beyond our 100% goal.

Thanks to those listed below for joining us, renewing and transferring to our Post:

Randy Austerman – Transfer
William Dockery
Allen Navratil
Jerry Ralston

Dennis Christensen
Brenda Flowers
Robert Patterson
Maria Ryan

Joseph Delahanty – New
Herman McElhaney – Transfer
Leroy Quintana

Membership Meetings

Note this change in location and time for our March 2004 general membership meeting.

We propose having the March General Membership meeting in the TREA Auxiliary Room, ***Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m.*** Members need to come to this meeting.

Come early, meet casually in the TREA Dining Room and have breakfast. The Dining Room opens at 8 a.m. on Saturdays for breakfast. After breakfast come to the Auxiliary Room for the meeting that will start at 10 a.m.

Tentative arrangements have been made to have future membership meeting at The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) Chapter 1 Auxiliary Room. They will be on different Saturdays for the next few months. Having meetings at the TREA depends on the number of members attending the March meeting and if we can justify having our meetings there.

TREA is located at 834 E Emory Circle, Colorado Springs.

Come to this meeting. You are important! Post 209 need you!

Call the office (719) 599-8624 if you have questions.

Skills Bank

A Skills Bank is being maintained in the office. Anyone who needs assistance with a work related skill may contact the office to access the Skills Bank for the names and phone numbers of legionnaires who have their names and skills listed in the Skills Bank".

A few examples of skills listed are - accounting, carpentry, computers, electrical work, painting, sheet rocking and texturing.

Contact Post Commander Chuck Zeitvogel should you like to have your name and skill/profession input to the Skills Bank

Blue & Gold Star Banners

Blue & Gold Star banners are available for sale in the office. The banners are a way to recognize families who have members serving in the military. Call the office for information to obtain one of these banners.

Field / Bush Mower For Sale

Post 209's Field & Bush Mower is still for sale. The cost new was approximately \$1,800, any reasonable offer will be considered. It could be yours. Call the office (719) 599-8624 for an appointment to see this Field/Bush mower.

Sons of the American Legion

The Sons of The American Legion Squadron for Post 209 is not active at this time. Eligibility requirements to be a member include - All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the specified periods of conflict for membership in The American Legion or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership.

Contact Legionnaire Larry Johnson at (719) 622-0344 or leave a message at the Post 209's phone (719) 599-8624 should you learn of someone who meets these eligibility requirements. Follow-up to try and get the Sons of The American Legion Squadron reactivated for Post 209 will be attempted.

Post 209 Executive Committee

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Senior Vice. Commander	Greg Andries
Junior Vice. Commander	Bill Marshall
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Position Open
Historian	W.W. Bandler
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Post Executive Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Past Commander	Vacant

Board of Trustees

Neal Thomas	Chairman (2yr)
Alton Cyriaque	Secretary (1yr)
<i>Position Open</i>	Finance Officer
Chuck Zeitvogel	Commander
Larry Johnson	Member (2yr)
Vacant	Member (1yr)
Ann Foster	Member (3yr)

Committees

Planning & Budget	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Membership	Greg Andries	636-3346
Program/Social Activities	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Americanism/Youth/Scouting/Jr., ROTC / Marksmanship	Ann Foster	599-8624
Boys State & Oratorical	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Legislative & National Security	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Veteran Affairs	Tom Morant	570-0843
(Club) Land Use, Care & Development	Greg Andries	636-3346

Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution & ByLaws	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Property Inventory:		
-Office	Ann Foster	599-8624
-Storage Unit	Larry Johnson	622-0344
Auxiliary Liaison	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Sons of The American Legion	Larry Johnson	622-0344

Post 209 Normal Meeting Times

Board of Trustees at 6:30 p.m., 1st Thur. of Month

Executive Committee at 7:00 p.m., 1st Thur. of Month following the Board of Trustees Meeting

Above meetings are at Post 209's office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Suite 104., C/S

General Membership Meetings

Location & Times will vary for the next six months. Check the calendar & comments elsewhere in this newsletter.

Post 209 Calendar of Coming Events

- Mar 3 - Board of Trustees Meet
- Mar 3 - Executive Committee Meet
- Mar 13 -General Membership Meeting at TREA**
- Mar 19 - Articles for March Newsletter due
- Mar 31 - Mail March Newsletter
- Apr 1 Board of Trustees Meet
- Apr 1 Executive Committee Meets
- Apr #0 General Membership Meeting & Officer Elections

Note: *General Membership Meetings are open to all members!*

Your attendance is necessary for success of Post 209!

Auxiliary Unit Officers

President	Dot Dassero
Sec. Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	<i>Vacant</i>
Sgt. at Arms	Ruth Hornick

No Comments provided for this Newsletter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Blue & Gold Banquet Cub Pack 24 6:30 pm – Trinity United Methodist Church	4 Board of Trustees Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 General Membership Meeting 110a.m. in TREA Auxiliary Room
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Article for April Newsletter due	20 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins, 2003
21	22	23	2 Operation Allied Forces begins, 1999	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Mail April Newsletter			

April 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Board of Trustees Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	2	3
4 Daylight saving time begins Palm Sunday	5	6 US enters World War I, 1917 Passover	7	8	9 Articles for May Newsletter due Good Friday	10 General Membership Meeting Elections of Officers
11 Easter	12	13	14	15	16	16
18 Doolittle Raiders attack Japan, 1942	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 May Newsletter Mailed	