

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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March 2005 – NEWSLETTER

Happy Birthday The American Legion

Meeting
Saturday, March 12, 2005
TREA, Breakfast 9:00 AM, Meeting 10:00 AM
Guest Speaker: Mr. Ed Weaver
Peterson AFB, Aviation Museum

Officers' Comments

COMMANDER-Bill Marshall

I thank all of our members for their support of the Post this past year. We are moving in a positive direction and over the next year, I hope to see a new Post home that we can all be proud of and enjoy.

PAST COMMANDER-Chuck Zeitvogel

Nomination Committee

The Nominating Committee met February 12, 2005, and the Officer Nominations for 2005-2006 are as follows:

Commander – Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander – W.W. Bandler
Jr. Vice Commander – Robert “Bob” Cancellieri
Adjutant – Ann Foster
Finance Officer – Norm Moyer
Sgt. At Arms – Robert Rydell
Chaplin – Mario Taracena
Historian – Open, although several nominees are being considered.
Post Executive Committeeman – Neal Thomas

The Judge Advocate and Service Officer are appointed by the new Commander, with the concurrence of the Post Executive Committee.

March General Membership Meeting

Mr. Ed Weaver will bring us up to date on the Peterson AFB Museum and all the changes that are taking place. They are significant, and will make it a most enjoyable place to visit.

March Breakfast Meeting

Due to the increase in cost at TREA, the Executive Committee agreed to raise the price of breakfast to \$7. For the time being, the menu WILL NOT change.

JR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler

Summer Picnic

We have reserved the Meadows picnic pavilion in Palmer Park, at the corner of North Academy and Maizeland Road, for Saturday, July 16th, from 1200 to 1600 hours. Mark your calendar and plan to be there—no steps to climb, and a shady pavilion in case of inclement weather.

ADJUTANT – Ann Foster

Membership

We now have 295 members for 2005, which gives us 103.5% of our goal. We would like to continue the trend, and achieve 105%. You may ask, why is that important? Well, we would like to help the District and the Department reach 100%, especially with Tom Bock to be installed as the National Commander in late August.

Cub Pack 24

The Blue and Gold Banquet for the Pack is now scheduled for 30 March, at Washington Elementary School. This is an annual event, but this year it is special as it is celebrating the 75th Anniversary for Cub Scouts and more than 60 years for our Pack. We would love to see some of you former Scouts as this event, so please call the office if you would like to come. Nels Hendrickson gets a big thank you for his program at the last General Membership meeting. He did an excellent job of presenting the Scouting story of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Junior Shooting

We have not been able to report on this for a while due to a moratorium by the Navy on shooting in schools. Nothing happened at Widefield, but they were not able to resume shooting until this week. At two other locations, we don't know where, one student was hurt and one was killed. Maj. Davis had to take a test and new regulations had to be written and implemented before shooting could begin again. We are just glad they are able to be back in the saddle again and we hope they will be able to start on time next year.

Post Records

Thanks so much to those of you who sent in your DD Form 214 or other documents that show your periods of service. We still have a ways to go, but this is an achievable goal if everyone helps. Please call 599-8624 to let me know if I can help you by picking up the document, making a copy here, and bringing it back to you.

CHAPLAIN – Mario Taracena

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

“If you lie down with dogs, you will rise with fleas.”

This is an old Irish proverb or statement of wisdom from medieval times. But, right now we are in the 21st century so, all you Irish fans get ready to celebrate:

- A religious feast day honoring St. Patrick, or
- A secular extravaganza of Irishness complete with “green beer,” corned beef and cabbage on Thursday, March 17th.

St. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century. Before the 7th century Patrick had become a legendary figure and the legends have continued to grow. One of these legends says that he drove the snakes out of Ireland into the sea. Another says that he used the shamrock (a three-leafed plant with one stalk) to explain the concept of the Trinity: three persons in one God.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York City on March 17th, 1762. Irish soldiers serving in the British Colonial army staged a parade celebrating their heritage. Ireland's St. Patrick's Feast Day was a time to attend church, but for many it was a pilgrimage to Croagh Mountain where St. Patrick is said to have started his ministry. Some climbed the mountain barefoot as penance for their sins. In 1995, the Irish Government began a national campaign to transform St. Patrick's Day into an authentic Irish celebration.

In Memory Of Joseph Totoro Jr.

Fellow Legionnaire Joseph Totoro Jr. departed this world on January 30th. A funeral mass in his honor was held at Holy Apostles Catholic Church. He was buried at Memorial Garden Cemetery in Colorado Springs. Joseph was born in Huntington, New York and lived in Colorado Springs for the last 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary. They were married for 55 years.

To those who knew him, he was a good family man with an amusing sense of humor and a wonderful disposition.

May he rest in peace.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a commemoration of Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On that occasion as Jesus rode on a donkey: "A multitude took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet Him and cried Hosanna"(Luke 19: 28-40). This event is the beginning of a Holy Week celebrated with faith and devotion in the Christian world. The events that followed are known as the passion of Jesus Christ and His Atonement.

Jesus Christ suffered in His work to save mankind (John 3:16). His suffering include: the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal and arrest, the scourging, the crown of thorns, the trial by Pontius Pilate, the carrying of the cross, and the crucifixion, culminating in His dying on the cross. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do... Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

Good Friday is a special day with prayer services being held to meditate and read the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion as a voluntary act for mankind.

On the last day of the Holy Week, Christendom celebrates Easter Sunday in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus. Christ was the First Fruit of the resurrection—by the power of God all men will come forth from the grave (Matt 27: 52-53).

Programs Supported by Post 209

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| -Service to Veterans | -Pikes Peak Veterans Council |
| -Veterans Day Parade | -Scouting |
| -Boy's State | -Jr. ROTC |
| -Crawford House for Homeless Veterans | -Jr. Shooting Program |
| - Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans | -Oratorical Contest |

Coming Events

- 3 March---Ex. Comm.& Brd. of Trustees mtg. 6:30 PM
- 12 March---Breakfast 9:00AM, General membership meeting 10:00 AM, Officer Nominations
- 15-17 March---Recognized period of the founding of The American Legion
- 17 March---ST. Patrick's Day
- 20 March---Palm Sunday, Spring Begins, Commander's Birthday
- 25 March---Good Friday
- 27 March---EASTER SUNDAY

2004-2005 Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510

Property Inventory

-Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624

-Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

Auxiliary Liaison – Bill Marshall, 719-495-0088

Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

2004-2005 Board of Trustees

Chairman – Neal Thomas
 Secretary – Alton Cyriaque
 Finance Officer – Norm Moyer
 Commander – Bill Marshall
 Member (3yr) – Alton Cyriaque
 Member (3yr) – Chuck Zeitvogel
 Member (2yr) – Ann Foster
 Member (1yr) – Neal Thomas
 Member (1yr) – Larry Johnson

2004-2005 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st
 Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin
 Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the
 month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.
 104 immediately following Post Executive
 Committee Meeting.

2004-2005 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee	
Commander	Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander	Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Commander	W.W. Bandler
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Penny Marshall
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Ex. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
2004-2005 Auxiliary Unit	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Open
Sergeant-at-Arms	Open

Calendar

March 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 E.C. Mtg. & Bd. Of Trustees 6:30 PM	4	5 Oratorical Contest
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Breakfast 9 AM Meeting 10 AM Guest Speaker Ed Weaver PAFB
13	14	15 Founding of The American Legion	16	17 ST. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday Spring Begins Commander's Birthday	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	
27 EASTER SUNDAY	28	29	30	31		

HAPPY EASTER