

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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March 2006 – NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday January 14, 2006

TREA, Breakfast 9 AM, Membership Meeting 10 AM

Guest Speaker: District Officer Visitation

Officers' Comments

COMMANDER – Bill Marshall

Officer Elections

This is a very important part of The American Legion and what really makes things work. I encourage you to become an officer and contribute to the well being of Post 209. Please contact the office, 599-8624 if you are interested or would like to nominate someone.

SR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler

I would like to apologize to Legionnaire Art Criswell for being remiss in our last Post Newsletter and Post general meeting for not mentioning that Art was our first World War II veteran to receive the NCOA 's World War II Veteran Honor And Remembrance Medallion. Congratulations Art.

ADJUTANT – Ann Foster

Membership

I am happy to report we made our 85% of goal and then some. However, we need the following as soon as possible to really make some final headway: 9 more would make us 90% and 24 more would put us at 95%. Just 40 more would make 100%. This is very close and should not be that hard if you would go ahead and renew now and sign up at least one person. There are more than enough military living in this town. You surely know someone at work, or church, or in some other organization you belong to that you could ask. Try it! You might be surprised at the good results you could have! Most new members respond, "nobody ever ask me."

Cub Pack 24

The Blue and Gold Dinner was outstanding. We had a nice crowd. The boys had a nice skit and seemed to really enjoy celebrating the birth of Cub Scouting. It is hard to believe it won't be too long before the end of school when they will receive their awards for their hard work and the Webelos II boys will cross over into being full-fledged Boy Scouts.

Junior Shooting

Esther Redington and I had the pleasure of attending the Widefield NJROTC Military Ball 25 February. These young people get to display many of the skills they have learned as they progress in their military classes for they are in charge of production. Of course, Maj. Davis and Senior Chief Johnson keep them on the right path. Maj. Davis stated they have ten on the Rifle team and they are busy learning that skill as well.

Upcoming Post Election of Officers

I want to support the Commander's reminder of this event in April, as we really do need the support of the Post, if we are to continue being active in The American Legion programs. Please realize that many hands make light work. If we all pitch in and help wherever we can, our mission of helping veterans and their families will be realized.

CHAPLAIN – Mario Teracena

NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY

In June 1812, the USA declared war on England as a result of its interference with American Shipping. US forces proved their ability by scoring outstanding victories against England, but on September 13, 1814, the British forces attacked Baltimore and tried to destroy Fort McHenry in the city's harbor. All night they bombarded it. An American, Frances Scott Key aboard a British ship seeking the release of prisoners, witnessed the bombardment. The next morning, to his amazement, he saw the US flag still flying over the Fort. This sight inspired him to write the verses of "The Star-Spangled Banner". It has played at military and ceremonial occasion since that time. Congress finally made it our official national anthem in March 3, 1931.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY: HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Happy Anniversary fellow Legionaries. Eighty-Six years ago on March 15-17, The American Legion was founded in Paris by delegates from combat and service units of the American Expeditionary Force. Congress on September 16, 1919 granted the national charter. This charter was amended latter to admit WW II, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans. The American Legion presently includes all veterans who have served honorably. It's the largest volunteer group

meeting in the world, with 2.7 million members, made up of men and women in 15,000 posts worldwide. The American Legion's major concern has always been the care of disabled and sick veterans. It is instrumental in establishing hospitals and many other services to meet the needs of Veterans.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

March 17th, wear your green!

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

- Mar 9----Executive Comm. Meeting
- Mar 11----Membership meeting, District Visitation
- Mar 15----Legion Birthday
- Mar 17----ST. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20----Spring Begins, Commanders Birthday

2005-2006 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

2005-2006 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

2005-2006 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.

| 2005-2006 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee | |
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| Commander | Bill Marshall |
| Sr. Vice Commander | W. W. Bandler |
| Jr. Vice Commander | Open |
| Adjutant | Ann Foster |
| Finance Officer | Norm Moyer |
| Historian | Curtis Wash |
| 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 |
| 2005-2006 Auxiliary Unit | |
| President | Dot Dassero |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Barbara Johnson |
| Chaplain | Open |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Open |

Calendar

| March 2006 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 EC Mtg. 6:30 PM | 10 | 11 Memb. Mtg., Breakfast, Dist. Visit |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Legion Birthday | 16 | 17 ST. Patrick's Day | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION