



**American Legion  
Centennial Post 209  
P.O. Box 15461  
Colorado Springs Colo. 80935**

**Newsletter: May 1984**

**ITEM 1: Installation Banquet, Friday, 25 May 1984.**

Please note that the date is different than what was discussed at our April meeting. The change was necessitated due to a conflict in scheduling. There will be no regular meeting in May. Instead we will have our annual installation of new officers and banquet. The ceremony will be held at the USAFA NCO Club on the date cited above. Cocktails (cash bar) will be available at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Installation ceremonies will follow. The charge for the dinner will be \$10.00 all inclusive. If we have 50 or more members and guests in attendance we will arrange an attractive buffet (sit-down). If less than 50 reservations are received, we will go with our normal steak dinner. Of course, wine and dessert will be served as part of the meal. This event is always one well received and much appreciated by all attendees. You are urged to make your reservations as soon as possible by calling one of the following before noon, Monday, 21 May. Department Commander Ovie Vernon has accepted our invitation to be guest of honor and Installing Officer. Please call your reservations to one of the following:

Wally Lonsinger	596-0194
Bud Eberhart	597-1902
Max Hoyer	597-3498

**ITEM 2: We are proud to announce the election of the following members to guide our post during the 1984-85 Legion Year.**

Neal Thomas	Commander
Joe Rodriguez	Sr. Vice Commander
Tom Gross	Jr. Vice Commander
Wally Lonsinger	Adjutant
Bud Eberhart	Finance Officer
Bill Battin	Chaplain

Walter Thomas  
Tom Knutson  
Max Hoyer

Sergeant-at-Arms  
Historian  
Executive Committeeman

ITEM 3: Our membership now stands at 64, something of a landmark for our post. Attendance at the meetings has increased to where we are averaging 20 members. Our discussions have taken on new depth and the involvement of our membership in post affairs is clearly discernible. We are going places and we should all feel good about it. I personally extend my sincere appreciation for the wholehearted support you have given me as your commander. It is a most gratifying feeling.

ITEM 4: A major decision, modifying a previous decision, was made at our last meeting. With the out-lawing of "Poker Nites" by the legislature we were left the question of what to do to continue our money-raising activity. Rather than forfeit the three nights we had reserved at the LAEF facility (June 5, July 3 and August 7) it was decided that we (Post 209) would sponsor Bingo on those nights. This would be an undertaking of our post with all proceeds going to our building fund. In order to do this, we will need a minimum of 15 workers each of those night--20 would be preferable. Please give this your consideration. The work is not hard, the people you will meet are nice and it will only require 5 hours or less of your time. It is a major undertaking and merits the support of each of us.

ITEM 5: A reminder, particularly to our new members--- Members in good standing in Centennial Post 209, may join the Ent Federal Credit Union and avail themselves of all the financial services available through that institution. These services include interest-bearing checking, lowest interest auto, appliance and second mortgage loans, IRA accounts, savings accounts at 7½%, CD's, Daily Cash Fund accounts and just about anything else you can find in any Federal or State Bank or S & L. All it takes is a current membership in Post 209 and \$5.00 to open your account. It's an immediate, tangible benefit for belonging to our post.

ITEM 6: We need your help in raising funds for our Boys State candidates. Each boy we send costs \$100.00 We are sponsoring 6 schools this year. Letters explaining Boys State to be used in soliciting donations are available. I will get copies to any member requesting them. This year's sessions will be at USC, Pueblo, starting 10 June. Again, please support this program. It is one of the major undertakings we offer our community.

ITEM 7: Again, I want to thank each of you for the support you have given me during my tenure. We have made vast strides and will continue to advance as long as the post can count on you---its members---to give it the backing it needs. We must continue to bring in new members and to support our fund raising efforts.

Again, Thanks to all  
For God and Country

*Max*  
Max J. Hoyer  
Commander