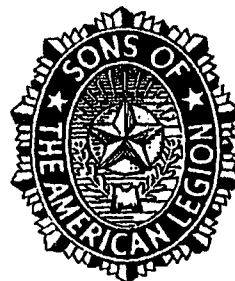


CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION



MAY 1994

**FROM THE COMMANDER - Floyd
Bufkin**

As I complete my tenure as Commander of this wonderful organization, I reflect upon our many accomplishments over the last two years. I think the most important achievement was the placing of the post into a new financial position that is already starting to pay off.

I am very happy with the outcome of the elections, and I ask each of you to support the new officers in their efforts to direct and encourage the growth of the post and the operation of all American Legion programs.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me make the last two years so successful. I look forward to continuing to serve this post, The American Legion, and my country, in whatever capacity I can.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT - Barbara
Johnson**

At our April meeting, the following officers were elected for the 1994-1995 year:

President - Dorothy Dassero
Secretary - Marcia Shellhammer
Treasurer - Barbara Johnson
Chaplain - Florence Spiewak
Sgt-at-Arms - Ruth Hornik

Congratulations to you all.

Installation Dinner will be held May 21 at the K-Diamond restaurant at South Circle and Monterey. Reservations are needed (call the office) and the cost is \$10.00. Happy Hour at 6:00, dinner, 7:00.

Remember, May is Poppy month. Support our Veterans...wear a poppy.

May is also cookie month for Ft. Lyon. Please donate cookies. Our Veterans at Ft. Lyon enjoy them so much. Bring your cookies to the May 19 regular meeting or drop them off before then at the office (call Ann first to make sure she's here). Be sure to mark the top of the container with the number of cookies so Chairman Florence can keep count.

The May meeting will be held at the Post office at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104. Hope to see you there.



POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FLOYD BUFKIN
SR VICE COMMANDER	AL CYRIAQUE
JR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	KENNETH ANDERSON
SGT-AT-ARMS	AL LENDER
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMMEMORATION

From El Paso County Office of Veteran & Military Affairs

Secretary of Defense, William J. Perry, has designated the Veterans Honor Court at the Shrine of Remembrance in Colorado Springs as a special "World War II Anniversary commemoration facility."

1994 and '95 will celebrate the historic 50th Anniversaries of WWII

During the commemorative period, the U.S. will focus on honoring the WWII Veterans and the sacrifices made on the home front by the American people. This commemoration is to provide appreciation of the enduring lessons of WWII acquainting Americans with the reasons why we fought, and the values which we strove to defend and protect.

The central anniversary of 1994 is the D-Day landing at Normandy. This will be commemorated on Memorial Day, May 30 1994 at the Veterans Honor Court of The Shrine of Remembrance in Colorado Springs. A special World War II Anniversary bronze memorial will be unveiled and dedicated in a civic ceremony.

Costas Rombocos stated that his company would also provide a special remembrance memorial to the millions of civilians who suffered during World War II and the Holocaust

For info. please contact: Col. (Ret.) James Rix or Costas Rombocos at (719) 634-1597 or visit the Shrine of Remembrance at 1730 Fountain Blvd.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

Membership is now at 430, an increase of six from last month. We need 91 to make our 100% goal.

A member of our Post, a WW I veteran, will be 100 years old on May 21. John Greco resides at the Florence Veterans Nursing Home. John fought in three major battles during his time in service. He was in Paris when the war ended and attended the founding meeting of The America Legion. John is proud to have been at that important meeting of the oldest and largest veterans' organization. He looks forward each year to his birthday when his fellow Legionnaires join with him to celebrate. We will be joining John's family at the Home at 2:00 to make his 100th special and will be back in time for the Installation Banquet. Everyone is welcome to join John, his family and fellow veterans at the home.

Think of John and his fellow veterans and be reminded that membership in The American Legion is more than a piece of paper and worth much more than \$25.00 a year. Perhaps we can be inspired to make a final push to obtain the 91 members we need to make our goal.

Attending the finals of The American Legion National High School Oratorical contest was a privilege. The finalists included three young men and one young lady. Each speech was excellent but the young lady, Lisa Tsai from Houston, won first place. This excellent program benefits from the sponsorship of The American Legion and its efforts to develop better citizens of our children.

The visit of National Commander Bruce Thiesen in April was an excellent occasion to gather and hear directly the achievements of this past Legion year. It was a

pleasure to hear his report on the issues of concern to veterans. Our membership supports the work of the National Commander which includes maintaining our benefits.

There will be no general meeting this month as the Installation Banquet takes its place. The banquet will be at the K-Diamond Steakhouse on May 21, at Circle and Monterey. Time is 6:00 - 7:00 for social hour and dinner, installation of officers and awards following. The menu is baked steak or fried chicken; cost \$10.00 per person. It is important to call your reservation to the office not later than May 18.

The June Executive Committee meeting will be at the office on June 1.

AUXILIARY NEWS - Dot Dassero


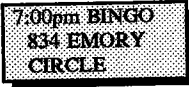



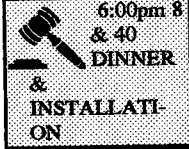
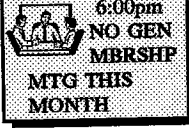
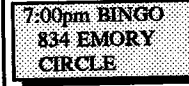

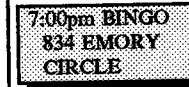

Our membership is up to 76...we need 14 new or renewed members to make our goal. Please, if you haven't sent your renewal in, do so now. If a woman or child in your family is not a member, call for an application to help us reach 90.

April was a busy month. We had a beautiful District Ball at the newly redecorated Security Post; the homecoming of SALs Department Commander John Herath, the visit of the National Commander Bruce Thiesen, our own meeting and potluck, ending with the May 1 District Convention. Attending these functions gives us the opportunity to meet with members of other Posts and Units and become familiar with the things they do to fulfil their "obligation to the community, state and nation."

Our members will be out distributing poppies the week of May 16. Call Vi Herath to help.

May 1994

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 	5	6 	7
8  Mother's Day	9 	10	11	12	13 	14
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29	30  Memorial Day (Observed)	31				

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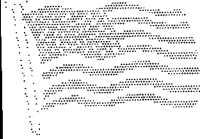



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LET'S BRING IN OUR FELLOW VETERANS

June 1994

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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12	13  8:00pm 40/8 MTG	14 Flag Day 	15	16  6:00pm GEN MBRSHIP MTG	17 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	18
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