





THE AMERICAN LEGION - CENTENIAL POST 209 P.O. Box 25334, Colorado Springs, CO 80936-5334 719-599-8624

MAY 2004 - NEWSLETTER

Officers Comments

COMMANDER - Chuck Zeitvogel

Membership

The Challenge is that Post 209 meet and surpasses the goal of having 285 members before the end of May 2004. I urge current members to renew if you have not already done so and recruit a new member for Post 209. Share the many benefits that The American Legion provides its members. Send renewal and new membership applications to our office for processing. The office address is in the letterhead of this newsletter.

Post Newsletter.

About the newsletter, it takes time and effort to publish it; however, it is one of the primary means of communications with all members of Post 209. For the past three years as your commander an effort has been made to keep the comments brief and positive. Many times we have asked for articles input from Post 209 members and Auxiliary members, offering a media for everyone to be heard.

My personal thanks to Legionnaire Larry Johnson for his monthly printing of the address labels for the newsletter, also many thanks to Adjutant Ann Foster for putting the address labels on the newsletters, sorting them by ZIP Code and taking the newsletters to the post office for mailing. A big effort has been made to get the newsletter out to the members by the first few days of the month. For the most part I believe we have succeeded.

It's now time for a new person to take on the task of being the newsletter editor. Do it now! Offer your talents to the new commander. I'm certain he will appreciate it. I'm willing to introduce that person to the office computer and provide instruction on the use of your Post 209's copy machine for running off the newsletter.

Installation of Officers.

Please take a look at the installation charges attached to this newsletter that your Post 209 officers will be taking at the general membership meeting May 8th.

When your officers agree to follow the words used in the installation ceremony they take on a great responsibility to serve Post 209 members

Last month's newsletter included, the Duties of Officers. These duties are detailed in Post 209' Constitution and ByLaws.

Stay Focused.

The vision of many Post 209 members is to build a new Post Home on the lot currently owned by Post 209. Stay focused and let's all work for that vision. The vision of having a Post Home can be accomplished by all concerned with a little give and take in our individual aspirations of what we each vision a post home should be like. Let's come to a consensus, stayed focused, pool our resources and build a functional Post Home that we can all use and enjoy.

May 8th General Membership Meeting.

I urge you to come to the May 8th, General Membership meeting. There will be a buffet breakfast, and except for a few items of essential business, it will be a social meeting at which time current Post 209 officers will be relieved of their responsibilities and dismissed. Installation of your new Post 209 officers will then follow. They will then serve through Legion year 2004-2005.

Several District 7 officers are expected to attend and a Department of Colorado representative is also

expected to be present to conduct the installation ceremony.

It will be a good opportunity to greet and meet these officials and to show your support to the newly elected and installed Post 209 officers.

Please make an effort to attend this meeting.

We are asking you who would like to participate in the buffet breakfast to prepay the \$5.00 fee. Send that fee to our office, address in the letterhead above, or call the office with your intentions by May 3rd. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend.

. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. and we expect to be ready to start the actual installation meeting by 9:30 or 10 a.m. Others who may not care to have

breakfast are still most welcome and urged to attend this meeting. Everyone's support is needed.

Contact your Post 209 office should you have questions.

Thank you One and All.

This will be my last time writing to you as your Post 209 Commander. I now offer my appreciation to all members who supported me over the past three years as I served you as Commander. Many things were accomplished while other hoped for endeavors await the enthusiasm and vigor of others to now address. It truly has been a learning experience. Thank-you! Thank-you!

For God and Country - Chuck Zeitvogel, Commander

Sr. Vice Commander - Greg Andries

Member who would like to assist with fundraising activities please contact me by calling and leaving a message on the office recorder or talk to

me at the General Membership meeting May 8th. We are interested in your workable ideas for fund raising activities.

Jr. Vice Commander - Bill Marshall

The <u>buffet breakfast</u> for our <u>May 8th General</u> <u>Membership Meeting</u> will consist of: scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, SOS, biscuits, coffee, and water.

This breakfast and meeting will be in the TREA Auxiliary Room. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start after breakfast at about 10 a.m. There will be time to relax during breakfast and socialize with others attending.

Cost of the breakfast is a reasonable \$5.00. We request it be prepaid. Please send your check to cover the cost of the breakfast for you and your guests to reach our Post 209 office not later that May 3rd. TREA needs a count by May 4th the number attending the breakfast.

Should you not want the breakfast – still come to the meeting. It will be an important meeting with the installation of officers to serve during Post 209's Legion year 2004-2005. TREA is located at 834 East Emory Circle, Colorado Springs, CO.

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Adjutant- Ann Foster

Membership for 2004 is 277 at this time. We only need 8 more for 100% of our goal. I sincerely hope that those who took applications at the last General Meeting can get them in very soon. It would be a shame to be this close and not make it.

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The membership drive for 2005 will begin on 1 July with the first mailing of renewal slips from National close to that date. Many of you do not understand why it works this way, so I just want to remind you that as the largest veterans service organization with 55 Departments and almost 3 million members it takes a lot of time to process memberships of that size. Do keep in mind that your membership does cover a full year and insures your continued receipt of The American Legion Magazine and the other membership benefits available to you.

We still need DD Form 214's or other documentation of your service dates from quite a number of our members. If you need me to come to your home, get your only copy, take it to the Post to make a copy for your file there, and then bring your copy back, please leave a message about the best time I can call you back to make those arrangements.

Remember the IRS has inspected us once and can do so again to insure our members are eligible to belong to The American Legion. This is the only way we know we can prove this. Also, keep in mind the information in your files here at the Post are as protected as they were when you were in service. We do not give out any of your information except to those with a valid need to know such as the IRS. Your help in completing this project would be appreciated very much.

Finance Officer - Chuck Zeitvogel (Filling in)

Donations to help sustain Post 209 are greatly appreciated. Following are the names of members and others who made donations since our last newsletter:

Andries, Greg
Hoggenmiller, Herman
Thomas, David H.
Thomas, June T.
Unruth, Robert J.
Weeks, William M.
Zeitvogel, Charles J.

Historian - W.W. Bandler

After having served as the Post Historian for the past year I would like to thank all Legionnaires of Post 209 for providing pictures for the yearbook

Our thanks to members and others, who have made these and previous donations to Post 209.

Each member is asked to consider making a donation of \$10.00 per month or better yet \$120.00 per year in lieu of having other fund raising projects.. These donations help Post 209 meet its financial obligations.

Make donations (checks) payable to, The American Legion Post 209. Send them to the office or make your donations at one of our general membership meetings.

and especially the help and encouragement in performing the duties of Post Historian.

Our newly elected Post Historian will do a fantastic job and will get the help and backing of our Post Legionnaires that I received.

Chaplain - Howard Hornick

Members report sick or ill since last month's

newsletter: None

Members who have passed since last month's

newsletter: None

A reflection for the month: Leading the Way

Lord, inspire us today with the qualities of good leadership.
Give us insight to make wise decisions, integrity to face the truth, courage to make

difficult choices and compassion for the needs of others.

Make us a model of justice and honor to the world, and let us never forget that our job is to serve both you and others.

(Author unknkown)

A new Chaplain will be installed to serve Post 209 at the May General Membership meeting. I appreciate having had the opportunity of serving as Post 209 Chaplain for the past nearly ten years. Thank you for your support over the years, may the Lord be with you in future years.

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Service Officer - Tom Morant

We have had a large turnout for the past four general Membership Meetings held Saturday mornings at The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) in their Auxiliary Room.

I would like to know how many members want to come on Saturday morning meetings that begin at 10:00 a.m., but need transportation.

Should you need a ride give me a call at 719-570-0843 and I will do my best to make the necessary arrangements to get a ride for you. We want and need to get as many members to our General Membership meetings as possible.

Also, I am suggesting to the Executive Committee that we have a buffet breakfast meeting for more of our General Membership meetings. We can do it if enough of our members would like to have them and if we continually get good turn outs for these meetings. The breakfasts would be a great time to socialize and for members to get to know one another.

Post 209 Auxiliary members are also welcome to attend these proposed breakfast meetings. Again contact me if you might need a ride to these meetings. I will coordinate with the Post Commander and others on the Executive Committee to do our beset to get a ride for you

Post Executive Committeeman - Neal Thomas

With the increased attendance, the past few meetings at The Retired Enlisted Association has been very inspirational. As I alluded to during the past meeting, I have been a member of this Post since 1977. This was one year after its inception and chartering. I have watched it grow from 32 members at this time to more than 500 members in the mid 90s.

During this time this post has accomplished many things of which it can be justifiably proud. We have had some good times and some bad times and now I feel that we are on a rebound toward some good times again. With the renewed interest demonstrated by members at recent meetings, I foresee real progress in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support in electing a new slate of officers for the

2004-20055 Year. I now implore you to support them in their endeavor to serve you.

The American Legion cherishes four great principles, Justice, Freedom, Democracy, and Loyalty. It's service to veterans, especially the disabled, the distressed, and their widows and orphans. As we approach the up coming election, let us remember these primary objectives as we elect officials to serve us in the future. Let's honor our pledge and not allow our veterans to become "Forgotten Warriors."

I challenge each of you to make The American Legion Centennial Post 209 — "The Little Post Going Places and Doing Big Things". This is a phrase I coined for the post many years ago while serving as your commander and I still think it is appropriate.

For God and Country – Neal Thomas, Post Executive Committeeman

Programs Supported by Post 209

- -Service to Veterans
- -Veterans Day Parade
- -Boy's State
- -Crawford House for Homeless Veterans
- -Girl's State
- -Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans
- -Oratorical Contest
- -Pikes Peak Veteran's Council
- -Post Home Vision
- -Jr. ROTC
- -Status on Lot owned by Post 209
- -Social Events
- -Scouting Cub Pack 24: The April Pack Meeting was very successful. Our re-chartering Certificate was received from Nels Hendrickson, Unit Commissioner, after he explained to the Pack how The American Legion Post 209 is the chartering organization for this Pack and what that means to them. Several boys received awards at this meeting for their achievements so far this year. This is certainly an active group with excellent adult leadership. As this is Youth Protection Month a skit was presented about what a BULLY is and to handle this if it happens to you. Conservation was also emphasized. The boys split up into two teams. They had to form a wheelbarrow, go down the gym floor where they were to pick up a piece of paper,

plastic, or aluminum and put it in the appropriate paper bag and then return to the starting point. They had great fun with this. There will be one more Pack meeting this school year on May 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at Washington Elementary School on West Pikes Peak Ave. After that they are looking forward to Day Camp and other summer activities. If this is something you could help with, please call the office and let us know as they can always use extra adult help with the many things projected for them to accomplish in Day Camp. This is one of our premier Children and Youth Americanism programs and we are privileged to participate in it here in Colorado Springs.

-Jr. Shooting Program: The Widefield High School Navy Jr ROTC Shooting Program continues. The school year will end 22 May, so there will be a break until the fall. We are hopeful many of the team will be able to take short break in August to come the Olympic Training Center to observe The American Legion National Finals for the Jr Shooting Program to see what they may aspire to. There are approximately 21 collegiate level schools that offer full scholarships to students who do well in shooting. Participating in the finals can be an excellent way to gain one of these scholarships and even to go forward with the Olympic Development teams in shooting.

Coming Events

6 May - Post Board of Trustees meets

6 May - Post Executive Committee meets

8 May - Post General Membership meets in the TREA Auxiliary Room

16 May - District 7 Convention at Post 13 in Canon City

3 June - Post Board of Trustees meets

3 June - Post Executive Committee Meets

12 June - Post General Membership meets in the TREA Auxiliary Room

12 June - Retirees' Appreciation Day, United States Air Force Academy / Arnold Hall.

17-20 June - Department of Colorado Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Pueblo.

(Room rates are \$79.00 single /double and you can call the hotel directly at 719-5642-3200.

Items of Interest

Retirees' Appreciation Day.

A Retirees' Appreciation Day will be held June 12, 2004 in Arnold Hall at the Air Force Academy. Doors will open at 8 a.m. with activities running from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Retirees and quests who have ID cards may enter the Academy from the North Gate and park by the Field House. Shuttle buses will run back and forth from the Field House to Arnold Hall on a regular basis. This year's program will be different than in past years in that there will be presentations in the auditorium. A free lunch will be served in the Ballroom for those wishing to participate. General Murray will be the guest speaker.

Remember, those attending will need ID cards for security purposes.

Boys State.

Boys State is to be held at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo this summer. This is a most worth while program supported by The American Legion. If you would like to assist in this endeavor contact Legionnaire Bill Marshall at the Post 209 office.

OPERATION RECOGNITION

Operation Recognition is a program to award high school diplomas to deserving and qualified World War II, Korean, and Vietnam era veterans. Operation Recognition is authorized by Colorado state law and is offered by the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Association of School Boards.

Eligibility

Upon request, a board of education may award a diploma to honorably discharged veteran, or post humorously to a veteran's family member.

*Served in the United States armed forces at any time during:

7 December 19411 thru 31 December 1946 World War II:

25 June 11950 thru 31 January 1955 Korea: 28 February 1961 thru 7 May 1975 Vietnam:

*Left high school before graduation in order to serve in the US armed forces

*Has attained the age of sixty years old

*Has not received a high school diploma - may hold a GED

*At the time of making the request, resides within the school district or

*At the time of leaving high school to serve in the US armed forces, resided within the School district.

Required Paperwork

*Application for World War II Veterans high school diploma

*Copy of honorable discharge papers.

Contact Post Commander Chuck Zeitvogel for other Application Information

2003-2004 Post 209 Officers/Executive /Committee

Commander Chuck Zeitvogel
Sr. Vice Cmdr. Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Cmdr. Bill Marshall
Adjutant Ann Foster

Finance Officer Chuck Zeitvogel, (Fill-in)

Historian W.W. Bandler
Sgt. at Arms Robert Rydell
Chaplain Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate Larry Johnson
Service Officer Tom Morant
Post Exec. Committeeman Neal Thomas

Past Commander Francis Redington (Deceased)

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 Sgt. at Arms Robert Rydell Chaplain Mario Taracena Judge Advocate Larry Johnson Service Officer Tom Morant Post Ex. Committeeman Neal Thomas Past Commander Chuck Zeitvogel

2003-2004 Committees

Planning & Budget - Chuck Zeitvogel (719) 531-0546

Membership - Greg Andries, (791) 636-3346

Program & Social Activities - Bill Marshall, (719) 495-0088

Americanism/Youth/Scouting/Jr. ROTC/Marksmanship - Ann Foster, (719) 599-8624

Boys State & Oratorical - Bill Marshall, (719) 495-0088

Legislative & National Security - Neal Thomas

Veteran Affairs - Tom Morant, (719) 570-0843

(Club) Land Use, Care & Development - Greg Andries, (719) 636-3346

2003-2004 ADHOC COMMITTEES

Constitution & By-Laws - Neal Thomas, (719) 392-1510

Property Inventory

-Office - Ann Foster, (719) 599-8624

-Storage Unit - Larry Johnson, (719) 622-0344

Auxiliary Liaison - Chuck Zeitvogel, (719) 531-0546

Sons of The American Legion - Larry Johnson, (719) 622-0344

2003-2004 Board of Trustees

Chairman (2yr) Neal Thomas Secretary (1yr) Alton Cyriaque

Finance Officer (Open) Filling in - Chuck Zeitvogel

Commander Chuck Zeitvogel Member (2yr) Larry Johnson Member (1yr) Francis Redington

Member (3yr) Ann Foster

2003-2004 Meetings

Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the Month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy.

Ste. 104, at 6:30 P.M.

Post Executive Committee meets

1st Thursday of the month at 4291

Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104. at

7:00 P.M.

Post 209 General Membership meets

Dates, times and location vary.

Check the newsletter or call the office for latest information.

2003-2004 AUXILILARY UNIT

President Dot Dassero

Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Johnson

Chaplain Open

Sergeant at Arms Ruth Hornick

No articles submitted for this newsletter.

Installation of Officers for Post 209

(Following is an example of words that an installing official might use)

Sergeant at Arms

"You are the sentinel or tiler, the outer guard of this Post. You will guard especially against the loss of one of The American Legion's greatest possessions - our deep and abiding spirit of comradeship. You will learn the identity of, and introduce to the Commander, all visiting comrades and guests of the Post. You are responsible that no one shall remain a stranger in our midst. Be ready at all times to assist your Commander. Into your hands is given charge of the stand of colors which you will properly display at all Post meetings, and on ceremonial occasions."

Service Officer

"You have been singly honored by this Post by your election/appointment to perform fundamental, unselfish work, not only for the benefit of the members of this Post, but for those Wear veterans particularly in need of your service. Yours is the choice responsibility of looking out for the welfare of all concerned. The duties of Service Officer are highly important and exacting, and while your accomplishment will be deeply appreciated by those immediately concerned, the work itself will not be sufficiently conspicuous to catch the headlines in the newspapers. Depending upon satisfactory performance of duty, there will come to you the heartfelt gratitude of each and every member of this Post. I congratulate you upon the opportunity to serve so constructively and so unselfishly."

Historian

"Your office is an important one. To you is given the responsibility of preserving and compiling the records of this Post. The future can only be judged by the past. Be mindful the lamp of recorded experience may do much in guiding the footsteps of those who follow. Ever remember that without the recorded history of this Post, its policies and accomplishments will be a blank to the ones who come after we are gone."

Judge Advocate

"To you, my comrade, is assigned a most important duty for which your legal training and/or past Legion experience so aptly prepare you. You are the interpreter of the Constitution and Bylaws of your Post, and may at any time be called upon by the Commander and other officers and members of the Post to rule upon the legality of their actions and decisions insofar as they affect the good of The American Legion. You are also charged with protecting the integrity of our organization and keeping alight the torch of truth and fidelity that symbolizes the high and ennobling ideals under which our great American Legion was founded. Protect wisely that heritage."

Chaplain

"To you is given the spiritual leadership of this Post. You will, I know, lend dignity and respect to your office. You should be in close confidence with the Commander and other officers of this Post. You should be ready upon occasion to take your part in the initiation of new members, the dedication of halls, monuments or colors, and the funeral services for a comrade. All such ceremonies are made more commemorative by the use of our Ritual. Into your keeping we place the spirit of comradeship of this Post. May harmony and unity prevail."

Finance Officer

"You are the keeper of the moneys and in you is reposed the financial policy of the Post. To you is given charge of the year's budget and to you is given the duty of the payment of all obligations when proper authorization has been given for such payment. Your position is an important one, demanding integrity and honesty. Your election to this office signifies your comrades have implicit trust in you. Guard well that trust."

<u>Adjutant</u>

"My comrade, you have been chosen to assist in the wise and effective administration of the Commander's office and to serve not only your fellow Legionnaires, but also those whose relationship to our organization has led them to look to us for guidance and relief. You will find your duties many, varied and, at times, taxing of your crowded hours and resources. The successful accomplishment of our program depends, to a great extent, upon you and your performance of the duties of your office."

Junior (Second) Vice Commander

"Into your helpful hands are placed the important responsibilities of assisting the Commander's office in all duties. Particularly should you be interested in patriotic observances of all kinds, in developing Post activities, and in the entertainment features which mark all meetings. Help to observe strict tolerance among your members on all political, religious and civic matters. The application of Justice will be your particular concern."

Senior (First) Vice Commander

"To you is given the responsibility of an active cooperation between yourself and the Commander. Particularly should you interest yourself in the membership of the Post. You should be assisted by the most active and devoted members. No single factor has so important an influence on the Post's success as membership. You will be the exponent of means of safeguarding the honor of the Flag of our Country. To you are committed these endeavors with the expectation you shall fulfill each and every one of them. You are the teacher of 'Democracy."

Retiring (Past) Commander

"My comrade, You have just completed a year of impressive service to The American Legion and to Post 209. The record of your Post 209 indicates a quality of service.

"Through your earnest performance of duties of leadership, you have truly justified the great trust which your comrades reposed in you.

"Although the mantle of leadership is now being passed to another, a great responsibility remains with you. You possess a great wealth of knowledge gained through your leadership experience. Place this wisdom at the disposal of your successors in order that your comrades may benefit therefrom. Through your station maintain the principle of 'Freedom' within this Post.

"On behalf of the Department of Colorado, District 7 and members of Post 209, I thank you for the splendid service you have rendered The American Legion."

Commander

"To you, comrade is entrusted a very important duty of teaching and protecting the cardinal principals of The American Legion throughout your entire Post. To you is entrusted supervision of the duties of all other officers of this Post. To you may come the needy and the distressed, and it is your duty to see no worthy comrade is turned away without full justice. It is your duty to see Freedom is ever the watchword of those with whom you may come in contact. Loyalty, to your Post, to its membership, to the state, and to the National Organization are obligations which you now assume. You are more than

the presiding officer for meetings. You are guided by the Constitution and by the decisions of the Post as a body, yet the responsibility for the success of the year's program is largely on your shoulders. You must initiate and carry through programs to completions. You must thoroughly familiarize yourself with the policies and traditions of your Post and of the American Legion. By your sincere acceptance and earnest performance of these duties, may the great trust which your comrades have reposed in you be justified. To you, I extend the congratulations of the Department, and I wish you well as you assume the responsibilities of your office. I present to you a copy of the Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies to serve as your guide during the coming year."

<u>Note</u>: The preceding was quoted from <u>The American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies.</u>

Post Exercutive Committeeman

To you comrade is entrusted the responsibility of representing the interests of the general membership on the Executive Committee. This will require an open mind to listen to the desires and wants of all members to represent them without biases on the Executive Committee. Cast your vote with due consideration for the benefit of the general membership. This should be your primary interest.

May 2004

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June 2004

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