

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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May 2005 – NEWSLETTER

Installation of Officers
Meeting
Saturday, May 14, 2005
TREA, Breakfast 9:00 AM, Meeting 10:00 AM

Officers' Comments

COMMANDER-Bill Marshall

Installation of Officers

In the time-honored tradition of The American Legion, and in accordance with the Officer's Guide, the newly elected officers of Post 209 will be officially installed on May 14, 2005, at the General Membership meeting. I encourage all members to attend this important ceremony as the new officers assume their duties for 2005-2006.

Newly Elected Officers

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 – Curtis Wash
Post Executive Committeeman – Neal Thomas
Judge Advocate – Larry Johnson (Appointed)
Service Officer – Tom Morant (Appointed)

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

District Convention

On May 1, 2005 District 7 held its Annual Convention at Post 5 to conduct the business of the District and elect officers for 2005-2006.

Newly Elected District Officers

Commander – Bill Marshall-Post 209
Sr. Vice Commander – Keith Lamee-Post 5
Jr. Vice Commander – Chris Bell-Post 13
Finance Officer – Alton Cryiaque-Post 209
Adjutant – Larry Johnson-Post 209 (Appointed)
District Executive Committeeman – Larry Johnson-Post 209
Chaplin – Will Hinckley-Post 5
Sgt-at-Arms – Robert Anderson-Post 1960
Judge Advocate – Neal Thomas-Post 209 (Appointed)
Service Officer – Ann Foster-Post 209 (Appointed)
Historian – Open

The newly elected officers were installed by Past Department Commander, Ed Wearing.

The 2006 Department Mid-Year Conference will be held late January in Colorado Springs at the Park Plaza Hotel. There will be more information on this later in the year as plans are firmed up.

The Department Conference/Visitation for District 7 is tentatively scheduled for October and these plans will be firmed up at the Department Convention in June.

NJROTC Award

On May 2, 2005, I attended the Mesa Ridge High School Awards Ceremony, and presented The American Legion Gold ROTC Military Excellence Medal and Gold ROTC Scholastic Excellence Medal to cadets selected for the awards by LCDR Don Pletcher, USN (Ret.).

Of General Interest

I have been invited by the Commander, NORAD/NORTHCOM to be a member of the upcoming Colorado Civic Leader Tour, June 22-24. I will visit Langley AFB, Va. and Norfolk Naval Air Station, Va., both involved in the homeland defense mission. I have accepted the invitation and look forward to reporting to the membership in July on this important trip.

JR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler

As outgoing Junior Vice Commander of the Post, I would again like to remind our members to contact our Senators or Congressman concerning the establishment of a National Veterans Cemetery in the Pikes Peak Region. This is important to all veterans. It takes so little time to make your feelings known.

ADJUTANT -- Ann Foster

Membership

We have added four members for 2005, giving us a total of 304. We just learned at the District 7 Convention, 1 May, our District is at 100%. Additionally, we received a plaque from the District for achieving our goal of 100%. Congratulations to all who helped make this possible. We also learned there are some big plans for the 2006 membership drive, and we will tell you more about that as the information becomes available.

Cub Pack 24

The Blue and Gold Banquet was very successful, and we received our re-charter certificate at that time. Since then, many of the boys have received their awards for their hard work this year. They are beginning to look forward to Day Camp and other fun activities for the summer.

Junior Shooting

Esther Redington and I attended the Widefield NJROTC Awards night on 27 April, at the school. The Post, Maj Davis, and Esther planned an award to honor Francis Redington for starting The American Legion Junior Shooting program with the Widefield NJROTC program. For our new members, Francis was a Past Post Commander who was active his whole 25 years in the Army as a shooter and coach. He was also very active in various Colorado Shooting Clubs. He was especially skilled at coaching youth. He was a Deputy Range Officer for The American Legion Junior Shooting Program National Finals at the Olympic Training Center until he moved from Post 209 to Post Everlasting, 15 December 2003. The award is a wooden plaque with a picture of Francis, an American Legion emblem medal flat, an NJROTC medal, enough plates to engrave for several years and the wording, "Francis M. Redington Award Widefield NJROTC Most Improved Shooter Award. The rifle team was not able to shoot long enough this year to win anything, but the plaque was presented as an incentive to kick things off next August when school starts again. We also award a medal to the best shooter, and that will be ready for the coming school year. The Post was able to give citizenship medals for a cadet from the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman class years.

Post Records

Last month, I mentioned that Past Commander Chuck Zeitvogel told us how to order our DD Form 214s online by going to the website: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. I also mentioned that I had ordered my 214, and I am happy to report that I received two certified copies in the mail on 2 May. This means one copy can stay at home and one can go in your file at the Post. Thus, those who have not been able to find their 214s should now be able to take care of this for their families' benefit as well as ours.

Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition

There will be an Open House, 16 May, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Crawford House facility of the Coalition to celebrate the 5th Anniversary. If you would like to attend, please call Vicki Pettit, the Executive Director, at 477-1639, by 11 May, to let her know. Food will be available, but she must have an accurate count to ensure there will be enough.

Other District 7 Convention Announcements

Our very own Commander Bill Marshall was honored as District Legionnaire of the Year and received a plaque.

Past Department Commander Ed Wearing provided information about the VA Creative Arts Festival that will be in Denver, 17 - 23 October, at the Radisson Hotel across from the old Denver Stapleton Airport. The Department of Colorado Auxiliary is a major sponsor, and needs to raise \$75,000 for the event. They have about \$8,000 so far. If you can help out, please send a check to: The American Legion Dept of CO Auxiliary with a note in the memo area of Creative Arts Festival. The address is: 7465 E 1st Ave Ste D/Denver CO 80230-6877.

Department Convention will be 23 - 26 June, in Westminster. National Convention will be 18 - 25 August, in Hawaii. We will be hosting the Department Mid-Year Conference 27 - 29 January 2006 at the Park Plaza Hotel, just off Garden of the Gods Rd.

CHAPLAIN – Mario Taracena

Margaret E. Lauck

Margaret was the beloved wife of fellow Legionnaire Herman Lauck. Margaret left this world on March 24, 2005. She had been a Colorado Springs resident for nine years and was a dedicated homemaker. She is survived by her husband, sons Herman Jr. and Alex, and daughters Kathy, Linda and Anita. A funeral service in her honor took place on March 29th at the First Christian Church. She was buried at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

Gene C. Baxter

Gene was born on August 30, 1924 in Elk City, Oklahoma. He entered eternal life on April 8, 2005. Gene served in the Army and had just processed his transfer from Post 211 to Post 209. He is survived by his wife Wilma, two sons Gary and Keith and a daughter Sherry Kravig. Funeral services were held on April 14th at the Shrine of Remembrance Chapel of Roses. Graveside services were held at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

Programs Supported by Post 209

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

Coming Events

- 5 May---Ex. Comm.& Brd. of Trustees mtg. 6:30 PM
- 8 May---**MOTHER'S DAY, you better not forget**
- 13 May---Navy Week, Sky Sox baseball game, all veterans welcome
- 14 May---Breakfast 9:00 AM, General Membership meeting 10:00 AM, Officer installation
- 21 May---Armed Forces Day
- 27 May---Boys State applications due
- 30 May---Memorial Day observance, Memorial Park, 11:00 AM

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.

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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

May 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 E.C. Mtg. & Bd. Of Trustees 6:30 PM	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9	10	11	12	13	14 Breakfast 9 AM Meeting 10 AM Installation of Officers
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27 Boys Stat Apps Due	28
29	30 Memorial Day Observed	29	30	31		

Happy Mother's Day

**NAVY WEEK BASEBALL
FRIDAY-MAY 13, 2005
Sky Sox vs Iowa Cubs
Security Services Field**

Order tickets online @:

www.skysox.com/

Click on Group tickets (left column)

Click on Group ticket window

ID—USNAVY (all caps)

Password—GONAVY (all caps)

\$5.00 per ticket - pickup at the stadium

Navy Band to perform before the game.
Mesa Ridge H.S. NJROTC Color Guard to
present the colors.

Ride the Blue Angels F-18 Simulator.

Only 300 seats available and will be released to
the public May 10 if not sold. All other seats
sold out

ALL MILITARY WELCOME

Fireworks after the game