



American Legion
Centennial Post 209
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Newsletter: November 1983

ITEM 1: November Meeting. Tuesday, 15 Nov. 1983, at 7:30 p.m. at Ken Reyhon's Realty Offices, 3320 Austin Bluffs Parkway. Our meetings are, for the most part, informal and the post has laid in a supply of refreshments that are available to the membership at nominal cost. Our attendance has been improving; we look forward to seeing you there.

ITEM 2: Membership 1983/84. Can't say enough about this. We lost some of you last legion year and that hurts; however, there is always time to reinstate yourself. Our membership dues are \$18.00 per year and individual, private arrangements can be made thru me to make the payment of those dues as painless as possible. The legion wants you, and Centennial 209 wants you. Remember that the legion, thru its strength in numbers and its purpose in being, is granted special recognition in the halls of Congress as a distinguished representative of you as a veteran and as a spokesman on the general welfare and defense posture of our great nation. Again, we need you to help us make our post the finest in the area. We have the potential, we need your support. Send in your dues now. We can be as great as you help us be. We are worth the effort. We can become an influence in the community. We have survived this far. With a little more effort on all our parts, we can become viable and recognized as the best.

ITEM 3: December Raffle. By now we have all received letters and tickets for our current Building Fund raffle. Please support this effort as much as you can. Remember, there are prizes to member(s) selling the most tickets and selling the winning ticket. I can't emphasize enough the importance of this fund raising effort. Dave Thomas and Wally Lonsinger have undertaken a project of manning a booth at Rustic Hills Mall. They need help. The manager of the Mall has allowed us to use the booth as a recruiting station and for raffle ticket sales, but he expects it to be manned while the Mall is open. Dave and Wally need relief. If you can spare any time during the day on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until the date of the raffle, your help would be most appreciated--even for an hour or so.

ITEM 4. Incentives To Join Our Post. "What can the legion do for me?" I think we have all heard this at one time or another in words at least similar to the above. Last month, I undertook a private project that has some ray of hope in providing an immediate positive answer to the question posed. A reply could be "Post 209 can offer you membership in Ent Federal Credit Union if you desire to join a credit union." To work toward this response, I wrote a letter to the President of Ent Federal Credit Union outlining what we are and requesting that we be able to offer membership in EFCU as part of our membership incentive. I received the following reply:

October 24, 1983

Mr. Max Hoyer
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Dear Max:

Received your letter asking for membership in Ent for Post members. The only problem is that the National Credit Union Administration normally

requires that the request comes from an employee group and that the employees are not eligible for membership in another Credit Union. I am willing to give it a try if you could give me a figure on approximately how many of your members currently have Ent accounts, and of those remaining, a statement that they are not eligible for membership in another Credit Union.....

Let me know on the first part of this letter, and we'll decide what to do next.

Sincerely,

Louis R. Ravetti
President

My question is - should I pursue this? Let's discuss this at our meeting. I know many of our members are already members of EFCU, but what about the others? Does this sound like a good idea? Can it be an incentive? If the consensus is favorable, I will include a ballot in the December newsletter asking specific questions about this. I would need a good response from all on the rolls in order to go on with this project. Remember - membership in EFCU would be strictly voluntary. EFCU offers all the services of a full-service banking institution.

ITEM 5. Have a nice Thanksgiving, and may God bless.

For God and Country,

Max
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