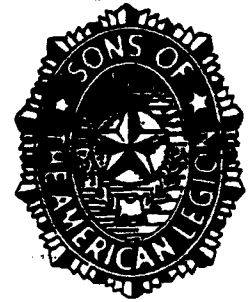


CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION



"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

NOVEMBER 1993

**NEW DISEASES LINKED TO
AGENT ORANGE from the
Gazette Telegraph**

The Department of Veterans Affairs has added more diseases to the list that entitle affected Vietnam veterans to compensation for their exposure to Agent Orange.

A study by the National Academy of Sciences said there is conclusive evidence linking Agent Orange exposure to five diseases--three types of cancer and two types of disorders. As a result of the study, other disorders will be added to the Agent Orange compensation list...Hodgkin's disease, a type of cancer, and a metabolic disorder called porphyria cutanea tarda.

Also, Vietnam veterans who develop certain respiratory cancers or multiple myeloma will qualify for disability benefits based on presumed exposure to the herbicide. This action covers cancers of the lung, larynx and trachea as well as multiple myeloma. Other diseases officially linked are soft-tissue sarcoma, non-hodgkins lymphoma and chloracne.

**VA HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR
WOMEN
From DVA Pamphlet**

There are now veteran health programs including sexual trauma and counseling services available to women veterans. The Women Veterans Health Program includes: Priority

outpatient counseling services and related health care services and education on the normal and expected responses to sexual trauma, assessment of the specific problem(s), and treatment to assist with restoring physical and emotional health.

You can get more information by calling Dr. Deborah Nunnally-Blowe, Ph.D. at the Colorado Springs Vet Center 471-9992.

**RETIREE/FAMILY CLINIC OPENS
From The Falcon Flyer**

The United States Air Force Academy has opened a new clinic for Retirees and family members. As health care becomes increasingly expensive for the older segment of American society, the Armed Services are trying to improve care, increase accessibility and reduce costs for their former members.

Retirees and their dependents will find a clinic tailored to their needs under the Pikes Peak Region Gateway to Care program, an Army-Air Force cooperative health care effort.

The Retiree Family Clinic provides primary care and is located at the United States Air Force Academy Hospital, serving all retirees within a 40 mile radius. Health care finders stationed at the clinic help retirees and their dependents arrange for specialty care when necessary.

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DUES \$20.00

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

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DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.

POTLUCK DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

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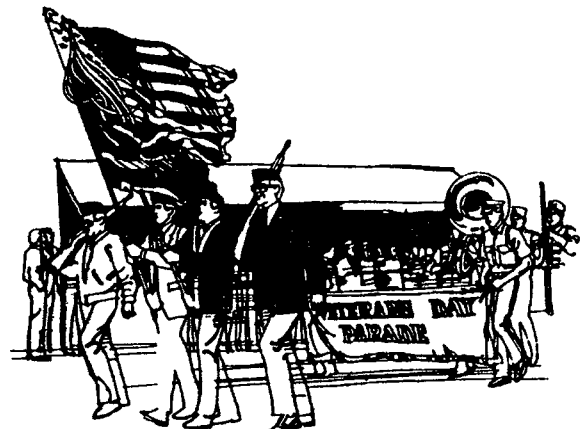
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COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT THE POST HOME

December 11th will be the Children's Christmas Party at the Post Home. The Party will start at 1:00 P.M. Santa will visit and have gifts.

The Christmas Party for adults will be on the 18th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. We ask that each person bring a gift for exchange, the cost of which will be not less than \$4.00 and not more than \$5.00. Please indicate whether the package is for male or female on the outside.

We will be serving turkey and dressing, and roast beef and the trimmings. See you there.



ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

Thanks to the response from the October renewal notice mailing. We are only eight away from our 65% goal. We really appreciate that effort! However, there are still about 238 of you out there who have not renewed. If you could take care of that between now and 21 December, some very nice results would occur. First, we would be over 100% Second, we would only need four more to reach 110%, the Department goal for this year's effort to achieve 32,000 by 1994. Third, you all would have paid the \$20.00 rate rather than the new \$25.00 rate, effective in January. Lastly, I could go on my Christmas leave knowing this was all taken care of before I left. So, I would appreciate it very much if you would give serious thought to renewing now, not only for the above reasons, but also it would allow us to get this behind us and get on to doing Legion programs!

The Colorado Springs community will be honoring veterans with a parade on 5 November downtown starting at 6:30 P.M. at St Vrain and Tejon. Post 38 will be participating with its Honor Guard. Our Department Commander, June Thomas, and the Department colors will also be with the Honor Guard. We have a volunteer to carry our Post colors and hopefully, Post 5 and Post 39 will be joining us. Anyone who wants to march with us as individuals is welcome. Form-up time is anywhere from 5:30 - 6:15 at the general vicinity of St Vrain and Tejon. Post 38 has been assigned as #17, so you can look for them or ask for that specific location.

On Veterans Day itself, there will be two events you will want to attend. The first will be the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial at Pikes Peak Community College at 8:00 A.M. Come to the

upper area by the building which houses the bookstore, near the cafeteria building. This ceremony will be done in sufficient time for you to attend the second event of the day, the annual Pikes Peak Veterans Council remembrance at the War Memorial in Memorial Park at 11:00. In case of inclement weather, the alternate site is The Retired Enlisted Association, Chapter 1, on Emory Circle behind the main office of Ent Federal Credit Union on Murray Blvd.

We plan to have the Children's Christmas Party and the Adult Christmas Party at this location, as previously announced. The Children's Party is 11 December at 1:00 P.M. and the Adult Christmas Party is 18 December at 6:00 P.M.

All Post meetings will also continue at our Post Home until the end of the lease, 31 January 1994. Additionally, other groups which use our Post Home for their meetings may continue to meet here until the end of the lease to allow them time for finding alternate locations.

There will be an Open House at the CS Veterans Center on Monday Nov 8 from 1 to 4:30. This Open House is in honor of women veterans who have served our country through military service. This is an opportunity for veterans to learn about the service available to them through the Vet Center. Please come join us.

I will be available Monday - Friday, 9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. for the conduct of Post business. Please come to the Auxiliary Room door across from the shoe repair shop and ring the doorbell which was recently installed. If I do have to run an errand during those hours, there will be a message board near the doorbell stating about when I plan to return and the pen will be available should you need to leave a message.

AUXILIARY NEWS

BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT

I am very sorry to tell you that our Legion Post 209 finds it necessary to let its lease on our Post Home expire at the end of January, 1994.

I am pleased to tell you, however, this will not affect our Unit as far as our work for the Veterans and Children & Youth in our community, and as always, being of whatever help we can be to our Post. We will not have a permanent Post Home for awhile, but we will still be meeting every month at a place to be announced later, working towards our goals. Think of this as a challenge to all of us to help our Post in any way we can to build our future home as soon as possible.

Our ladies who have been members since the Unit was chartered remember in the beginning, they pitched in and helped make things happen. We can do it again.

I know we will miss not being able to meet for lunch or a drink and our before meeting Potluck dinners. We will miss the dinners, parties and dances at our Post Home - these things will happen again!

I am sure we understand the problems the Post has which made this decision necessary, and my heart and prayers go out to the Commander and his officers for continued membership participation in their work as a very fine Post.

November Activities:

November 6 - June Thomas Homecoming
6:00 P.M. Post 38
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 18 - Regular meeting -
Potluck - we are still planning on a
Potluck dinner for this meeting

December 1 - Executive Meeting 7:00
December 6 - Florence Nursing Home
Gift Shop
December 11 - Children's Christmas
Party
December 16 - Regular Meeting
December 18 - Adult Christmas Party

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

Please do not allow the news of the Post Home closing keep you from renewing your membership in the Auxiliary. We will continue to have meetings and do the jobs as laid out for the Auxiliary by Department and National.

We will have to figure out how to have some money-making activities in order to support these activities. Please put on your thinking caps and come to the meeting with some ideas.

You will want to maintain your membership for other reasons too... your free accident insurance for one thing. Also your membership card allows you access to other Clubs. I used mine in Bitburg, Germany. We are all over the world!

Only 50% of you have renewed so let's please get them in as soon as possible, especially before the Christmas season takes over your mind and purse.

SALON 422 8 ET 40

Salon 422 of the 8&40 will hold its regular meeting at 209's Post Home on November 15 at 7:30 P.M. Please be there as we will be discussing the Christmas Party.



Centennial Post 209

1337 N. Academy Blvd.
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October 25, 1993

Dear Legionnaires and members of The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.

I appreciate the wonderful response I received to my last letter about the future of our post. The attendance at the general membership meeting on October 21 was great. I also received several letters and phone calls from those unable to attend expressing their views.

After a presentation by the post finance officer and a lively and informative discussion a motion was made and carried to allow the lease on the current post location to expire on January 31, 1994. The post will enter a period of financial regrouping with emphasis on saving money to eventually establish a post home of which we can be proud. The sentiment most strongly exhibited at the meeting was that money spent on rental is money wasted. I concur. I also agree with the view expressed by many members that we cannot afford to continue operation of a club/bar that is losing money. This operation has been subsidized by the post for some time at the expense of supporting American Legion programs and other activities more deserving of our financial assistance.

As a result of the opinions expressed in the meeting, I decided to close the club immediately. I spoke with several members of the Executive Board and they concurred in this action. This closing will result in an approximate savings of \$8,000.00 between now and January 31. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause anyone. All commitments made to individuals and organizations using the post until January 31 will be honored. In the months remaining until the end of the lease, there are things that can be accomplished with volunteer assistance. It is possible for the club/bar to operate on a limited basis for special occasions. Any activity would, of course, be coordinated by the Club Committee and operated by volunteers.

I have been addressed by many members of our American Legion family organizations since Thursday night. I am pleased to report that the overwhelming majority of these members support our actions and have offered their assistance.

I feel that we are on the road to establishing one of the most successful posts in the American Legion. Now that I have the guidance of the membership and the assistance of many who have expressed their commitment to get involved, I see no boundaries to what we can accomplish. We are beginning a new era in the history of American Legion Centennial Post 209. Let us move forward with confidence.

I urge all of you to remain involved in this post, and I look forward to serving with you in supporting the goals of the post and the programs of The American Legion.

Floyd Bufkin
Floyd Bufkin
Commander

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Effective 10 January 1994 the dues for the Post will be \$25.00 a year. This was made necessary by the dues increases that were approved by the conventions of The Department of Colorado and The American Legion.

We are asking everyone to please renew their membership not later than 31 December 1994 in order to save money this year. The Post Adjutant, Ann Foster will be going on Christmas leave 21 December 1994. She would appreciate you paying your dues before that. This would insure that everything reaches Department and National for processing before the January deadline. Also, it would be nice to not have to ask anyone to do her work while she is gone to see her family.

As a Post, we need your support and The American Legion, the VETERANS, your comrades, need your support as well.

The best way to avoid having to pay dues and not worry about dues increases in the future is to purchase a Permanent Membership. There is a separate application for this that must be signed by the member. The fees right now are \$130.00 for those 65 and older and \$310.00 for those under 65. Please call Ann at 591-1952, Mon - Fri, between 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, if you are interested.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS HOMECOMING

This year the Post is honored to have a member elected to the position of Department Commander, our very own JUNE THOMAS.

The position of Department Commander is very demanding and takes that member away from their Post for a year. About halfway through their year, or tour of duty, we take time to honor and welcome back this Legionnaire to our Post.

This event will take place on 6 November 1993 at The American Legion Post 38 in Fountain, CO. Cocktails, cash bar, will begin at 6:00 pm and the dinner, free, will be served at 7:00 pm. Following the dinner will be the activities of the Homecoming.


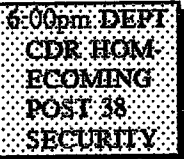


If you would like to come and enjoy an evening of fun and surprises, this would be a great opportunity to do so as well as meet other Legion family members from throughout the Department of Colorado. Please call Post 38 at 392-9901 to reserve a place.

To get there is very easy. Head South on Highway 85/87 towards Fountain. Turn right at the Kentucky Fried Chicken, Southmoor Dr. Follow the road South about one and a half miles and the Post will be on the left. Ann Foster has maps, if you would feel more comfortable with that approach. Please call or drop by the Post during the days and times listed above in the membership information area.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

November 1993

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Election Day	3  7:00pm EXEC MTG	4 7:00pm VVA MEETING	5 6:30pm VETERANS PARADE 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	6  6:00pm DEPT CDR HOM- ECOMING POST 38 SECURITY	
7	8 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	9	10 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	11  Veterans Day 11:00am VETERANS SERVICES MEMORIAL PARK	12 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	13
14 9:00am AUXILIARY BAKE SALE POST HOME 12:00pm POST HOME RENTED	15 7:30pm 8 & 40 MTG THIS MONTH POTLUCK 6:30	16	17	18 6:00pm GEN MTG POTLUCK	19 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	20 9:30am WAC MEETING
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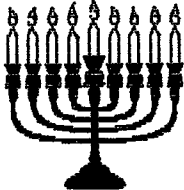


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26	27	28 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY  New Year's Eve 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	

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PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR POST

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