

CENTENNIAL POST 209



THE AMERICAN LEGION



NOVEMBER 1995

FROM THE COMMANDER - HARRY JOHNSON

In last month's newsletter I enclosed a survey sheet which I asked every member to complete and return asap. This survey is very important as it will determine what course of action your Post will pursue in the future. We need to know how you feel about the programs Post 209 is involved in. For example:

1. Are you concerned about what happens with Post 209?
2. Does the continued decrease in benefits for veterans concern you?
3. How important is it to have a Post Home and have youth activities, social events, dances, dinners, etc.?
4. What features do you think the Post Home should have; how should it look?

Look the survey over, complete and return it asap. Is it worth a postage stamp for you to express yourself about the programs and future of Post 209????

The program planning meeting for Department will be November 17 - 19 at the Regency Hotel in Denver at I-25 and 38th Street. I encourage you to attend this meeting.

The Flag Alliance program to protect the flag will be voted on in the Senate in the next couple of weeks. It is very important that everyone interested in protecting our flag express your views to the Senators

who are undecided. I have enclosed a list of those Senators and urge you to write or phone them and tell them you are strongly in support of the Amendment and encourage them to vote for its passage...Senate Bill SJ RES 31.

Mid-Year conference will be held in Colorado Springs this year at the Holiday Inn (formerly the Hilton Hotel) on Garden of the Gods Road, January 26-28. Call me or the Post for details. More in the next Newsletter.

The American Legion Discount Prescription Program is now in effect. All you need do to receive as much as 50% discount on your generic prescriptions is present your membership card. King Soopers, Safeway and Albertsons will honor this.

The Executive Board recommended and the General Membership Meeting approved a change in our meeting place effective with the November meeting. The new meeting place will be DAV #26 Post Home on the northwest corner of Peterson Road and Palmer Park Blvd. The Auxiliary will also be meeting there. The meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. with a potluck at 6:00 P.M. The DAV has a bar, and we will be welcomed and encouraged to purchase whatever you may want. There is no charge made for the use of this facility by Post #26. We encourage everyone to attend membership meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
JR VICE COMMANDER	CHUCK CLABBERS
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	J. C. SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	JEFF NEW
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONGSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
Jun 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1946
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Grenada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - Jul 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 until the
end of hostilities

AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

Dues \$12.00

SENATORS WHO ARE UNDECIDED ON S.J. REA 31

State	Senator	Telephone
AR	Bumpers	Mail only
AR	David Pryor	Mail only
CT	Leiberman	1-202-224-4041
FL	Bob Graham	1-202-224-3041
IL	Braun	Mail only
Ky	McConnell	1-202-224-2541
MA	John Kerry	1-202-224-2742
MI	Carl Levin	1-202-224-6221
MI	Abraham	Mail only
ND	Conrad	1-202-224-2043
ND	Dorgan	1-202-224-2551
NJ	Bill Bradley	-202-224-3224
NM	Bingaman	1-202-224-5521
NV	Bryan	1-202-224-6244
OR	Hatfield	Mail only
PA	Specter	1-202-224-4254
UT	Bennett	1-202-224-5444
WA	Gorton	1-202-224-3441
WA	Murray	1-202-224-2621
WV	Robert Boyd	Mail only

MEETINGS

3rd Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
DAV Post #26 - Palmer Park & Peterson Rd

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

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set the standards
of behavior



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ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

Last month I reported that we might have a new membership goal of 401 due to adjustments within District 7. It now appears that I misunderstood or misinterpreted that number given in a quick meeting after Fall Conference. So I am going to give your membership results from the standpoint of our old goal of 501, as well as the new goal of 401, and in the meantime correctly determine the new goal (probably somewhere between).

We now have 225 membership renewals, new members and some transfers. With a goal of 501 we would be one away from 45%; with the 401 goal, we are at 55%. We would need 16 more for 60% under this plan. Obviously, it is to our advantage to have a lower goal than 501. We are still faced with the need of members, regardless of the goal.

I would like to ask your support of the survey submitted by our Post Commander Harry Johnson. This Post cannot proceed very well without your guidance. The Executive Committee needs to know how you feel about the future of Post 209. Why did you join The American Legion and what are your expectations of it at any level: National, Department, District and Post? Even if you have none, other than a card and the various Legion publications you receive, please tell us that also so we have some idea of how to plan for the future.

I was privileged to see our National Commander during his recent visit to Colorado. Commander Ludwig gave us some very basic things to think about concerning The American Legion and what we stand for, as well as what we believe. His theme this year is "Still Serving America," and that is what it is all about. To do that better and to support that theme, membership must be increased. (You can see your Post is not the only one concerned with that issue.)

Commander Ludwig also stated The Citizens Flag Amendment should be passed if "We, the People," really means what it says. He also believes our founding fathers meant this document to be able to live as our country developed. Hence, the provision for amendments.. He further stated it would be a very sad day if the amendment does not pass. I

think that would be true for a majority of this country. If you are formerly from a state having Senators who are opposed to this amendment, contact them and ask for their support. Remind them this is a national issue, that approximately 80% of the people want this amendment.. They should feel an obligation to support it on behalf of their constituency, regardless of how they personally believe.

We are planning to have an initiation of new members at our General Meeting next month. This is a very nice ceremony, and we would like as many as possible to participate. If you would like to make a commitment to this, please leave a message at 599-8624, include your telephone number in the event we need to contact you.

AUXILIARY NEWS - BARBARA JOHNSON

Our General Membership Meeting was held October 19. We were honored to have our District President Helen White and District Chaplain Betty Andrews at this meeting.

I want to thank those of you who answered my survey.

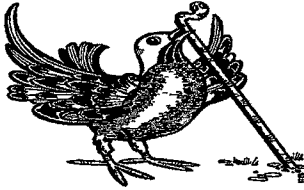
The members present at our meeting voted to move our meeting place to the DAV Building at 6880 Palmer Park Blvd, same day, 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M. The members felt this would be better as the Legion will be meeting there also. This will help keep us in touch with the Legion.

Also we will be participating in the Early Bird Dinner. The membership voted to pay for the dinners of those members who pay their dues prior to November 2. Reservations must be in by November 2. This Early Bird Dinner will be Saturday, November 4, at the DAV, 6880 Palmer Park Boulevard. The menu is roast beef, baked potato, vegetable, salad and dessert.. The Auxiliary voted to provide a cake. There will be a \$5.00 charge for non-members or members who have not paid their dues.

I hope the change of meeting place will be more convenient for those of you who come with your spouses.

Coming up:
November 1, Executive meeting 7:00 P.M.
November 4, Early Bird Dinner, 6:30 Happy Hour,
7:00 P.M. Dinner
November 16, Regular Meeting
November 17-19, Program Planning Workshop

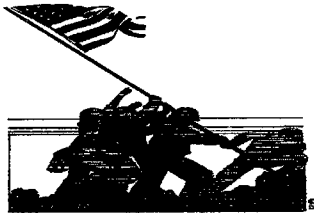
EARLY BIRD DINNER



The Early Bird dinner is designed to show appreciation for those members of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary who have renewed their 1996 membership by a certain date.

Every member who has renewed his or her membership and would like to attend please do the cooks a favor and call the Post at 599-8624 or Larry Johnson at 590-1369, and let us know how many will be attending. If you have not renewed and would like to attend, there will be a slight charge of \$ 5.00 per person.

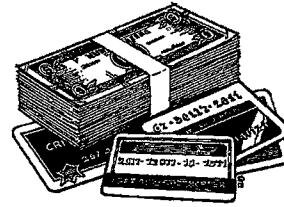
We will be dancing to the Rhythmaires once again. They play a variety of music which most of us can dance to.



VETERANS DAY 1995

The Veterans Day Parade, "IN THEIR HONOR," is scheduled for 4 November 1995, at 10:00 A.M. The parade route is down Tejon Street. If you would like to march, the assembly time is 9:00 A.M.

Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the Rock in Memorial Park at 11:00 A.M. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at The Retired Enlisted Association, 834 Emory Circle (behind ENT Federal Credit Union).



PROPERTY TAX INITIATIVE

There is a group of people circulating petitions throughout the state of Colorado who are trying to impose taxes on property owned by tax exempt organizations, such as The American Legion.

If this initiative passes, it could seriously hinder the efforts of this organization (and others) to provide support to veterans and the children and youth of our community.

We urge you to refuse to sign the petition and inform them of your reasons.

With your help, we can keep the initiative from appearing on the ballot next November.



SR VICE COMMANDER/SERVICE OFFICER

A former President of the United States in his inauguration address said "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Transpose that to what can I do for my Post. I say to fellow Legionnaires that we appreciate those dedicated to this organization but we need involvement by more members. We could be the Number One Post in the state.

Those who have brought in one or more members will receive a special award on November 4 at the Early Bird Dinner .

December 1995

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY




TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

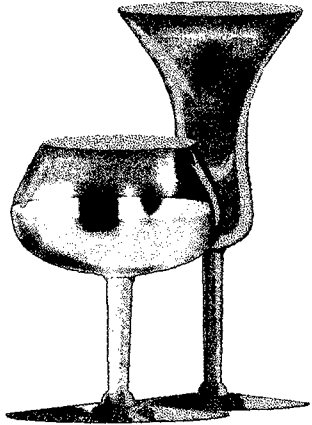
SATURDAY

						1 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	2
3	4	5	6  7:00pm POST EXEC MTG	7		8 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	9
10	11 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	12	13	14	15 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	16  CHRIS- TMAS PARTY DAY POST 26	
17	18 <i>Hanukkah</i> 7:30pm 8/40 MTG POST 5	19	20	21  7:00pm POST GEN MTG DAY POST 26	22 <i>Winter begins</i> 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	23	
24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	30	
31 New Year's Eve							

**CENTENNIAL POST 209
CHRISTMAS PARTY
16 DECEMBER 1995**



VFW POST 4051, PIKES PEAK AVE EAST OF NEVADA



**ATTITUDE
ADJUSTMENT
HOUR AT
6:00 P.M.**



DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.



**DANCE TO THE RHYTHMAIRES
AFTER DINNER**

CALL THE POST AT 599-8624 OR
CALL LARRY JOHNSON 590-1369
AND TELL US HOW MANY ARE IN
YOUR PARTY.

