



American Legion

Centennial Post 209

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Item 1: It happened again. I could not get a newsletter out last month (my apologies) but we had a meeting per our normal procedure and only four people showed up. Not enough for a quorum by any stretch of the imagination. Please mark your calendars for months in advance. Post 209 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the REA Club at 7:30 PM. It will be that way whether or not you receive a newsletter.

Item 2: Come to our next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 PM at the REA Club (Retired Enlisted Association) located directly east (to the rear) of Ent Federal Credit Union just off Murray Blvd. It is also directly across the street from the UPS terminal. It is a comfortable meeting place equipped to handle the disabled. Bar service is available at very reasonable prices. We need each and every one of you as more and more we are going into areas that have far-reaching effects on the direction our Post is going to take in the immediate and foreseeable future.

Item 3: The Post has just acquired its Bingo and Raffle license from the State. This license permits us to undertake money raising activities on our own and in that vein we discussed this at our August meeting and had intended to pursue it at the September meeting. Norman Avery has been appointed chairman of our Raffle Committee. He is assisted by John Kovar, David Thomas, and Floyd Paxton. Norm has a lot of good ideas and has been very active, along with his committee, in obtaining donations to be offered as prizes. The committee has rounded up a deluxe reclining chair and many free meal

offers at local restaurants, among other things. Since this is a new undertaking, Norm expressed it very well in suggesting that we not bite off more than we can chew. His concept is to try to obtain cost-free donations so that our limited resources aren't taxed. He suggests a Grand Prize with a series of lesser prizes on each raffle cycle. In our initial effort, the Grand Prize is that deluxe recliner. At some other time--and we are pursuing this--it may be a packaged tour to Las Vegas donated by a travel agency. When and if we succeed in this effort we can examine investing some of the proceeds into prizes that will ensure the success of our efforts. I have drafted a letter of introduction that can be used in soliciting prize donations. The letter, along with your Post membership card, will be your bona fides should you solicit. Come to the October meeting. We need your input in this most important undertaking primarily devoted to raising funds for our own permanent clubhouse.

Item 4: Bingo has been suffering from the dog-track blues, and we may not do too well this quarter. As always, we can use help to relieve the regulars. Remember, this fund raiser is for all our good. We will all benefit when we have our own place.

Item 5: Time is rapidly approaching when we must get working on the oratory contest. Department is mailing me copies of all the pamphlets and brochures and I should have them in time for the meeting. As you know, we normally try our 4 high schools-- Mitchell, Air Academy, Doherty, and Lewis-Palmer. This year, I would like to add our newest high school--Rampart Hi in District 20--and also discuss soliciting the Junior High Schools in our area of influence. I personally feel we will be better received at the Jr. Hi level--particularly if we impress upon them the idea that they can only improve each year they participate.

Item 6: Membership--both renewal and new members. Let's all get our dues in. Let's exceed our quota of 60 for this Legion year. Remember, our dues are now \$18.00 a year. And, once again, I want to remind all of you of the Colorado Permanent Membership Plan. I will send you details on request. It locks your membership in permanently and it can be paid in installments.

Item 7: I'll bring up something from the August newsletter--How about a Sunday afternoon cocktail party at some nice place? Perhaps we can subsidize a portion from our treasury. It would be nice to have an informal gathering where we can relax together in an atmosphere of conviviality.

Thanks for your time. I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on the 19th.

For God and Country

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