



**American Legion  
Centennial Post 209  
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**Newsletter:** October 1983

ITEM 1. October Meeting. Tuesday, 18 October, at 7:30 PM at Ken Reyhons 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.

ITEM 2. September Meeting. We had quite a turn-out. More people than we've been able to assemble in one place at one time for many a moon. And it proved to be a very worthwhile meeting.

ITEM 3: Other September Activities. a. John Gaillard, our Post Service Officer and Past Commander retired as El Paso Country Veterans Service Officer. The post presented him with a certificate honoring him for his services to the Post, the Legion and all Veterans in the area. John is succeeded in his county position by Bob Dalehite also of our post.

b. The post also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Paul Goldenboggen, the Manager of the Ken Reyhons Office where we meet. Accompanying me were Wally Lonsinger, our Adjutant (and Post Graphic Artist), John Gaillard, PSO and Virgil and Carol Boherstengel, District 7 Commander and Adjutant respectively. The presentation was made before the Reyhons Sales Staff and was well received.

ITEM 4: 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 5: 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 the member(s) selling the most tickets and selling the winning ticket. I can't emphasize enough the importance of this fund raising effort.

ITEM 6: Veterans Day, Friday, November 11. Mark your calendars and try to attend the memorial ceremony at Memorial Park. Wear your hat, show your colors. The ceremony is brief and inspiring. We are our past and should show honor for all those who gave so much in the service of their country - our country. Be there!!

ITEM 7: Initiation Ceremony. This is to be a prime topic of discussion at our meeting. Too few of us have participated in this rite. In our discussion we will come up with the details so that we can have a formal ceremony that we will all be proud of.

Thank you for your time and attention. I'm sorry about the last two newsletters -- one not published, the other hand written. If at any time any of you want to have something published in this newsletter -- a reminder, thank you or pertinent message to your comrades -- give me a draft over the phone and I'll get it in the next edition if at all possible.

For God and Country

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P.S. Remember BINGO! Please help whenever you can. Wally Lonsinger (596-0194) is our coordinator.