



Centennial Post 209

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

LEGIONNAIRES:

We are in the midst of one of the most exciting Legion years that I can recall. This year the National organization has set as a goal, 3.5 million Legionnaires. The Department of Colorado has set as its goal 2500. With your help, we can attain this goal. Since the American Legion was founded upon the principles of family involvement, it is paramount that we be about the business of getting the entire family involved. There are many programs that we have not yet broached the subject, ie Son of the American Legion (SAL) , Jr. Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, American Legion Baseball, Children and Youth Programs to include Missing Children, etc. As you can see, there are many programs that we can get involved with once we have acquired the membership and established a permanent residence. This can only happen with the cooperation of all of the members of this post. Let's get involved --it's an exciting movement!

Item II

Membership - Our current role of membership indicates that we now have 105 members approximately 60% have paid their 1986 dues. If you have not paid your dues, please be at the next meeting and bring them.

Item III

Hospital Visitations - One of the mandates of our organization is to visit VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes. We are planning a trip to Florence Nursing Home and need volunteers to represent Post 209.

Item IV

Fund Raisers - Legionnaire Ellen Teson has undertaken a project to raise funds through a Bingo Raffle. She will be needing assistance in getting out tickets. Plan to assist her whenever you are contacted. We are still looking for other fund raising ideas.

Item V

We made an attempt at forming a Post Auxiliary on 7 October 1985. It is sad to report that we had a very poor turnout from our Post. In fact, we had less than the required number to conduct business. Thanks to those who did attend. We had the full support of Unit 5 and District 7 in this effort and wish to thank them for their splendid support. Perhaps you may have been contacted by Jean Ives, Past President Unit 5 and Gold Star Mother. At our upcoming meeting, scheduled for 17 October 1985, at the Retired Enlisted Association Club, I am asking that each Legionnaire bring his spouse , if she is interested in becoming a member of the Post Auxiliary. I realize that many of the members ' spouses do not like to go out in the evening

alone. Therefore, I am seeking your indulgence in this matter to insure that we have adequate representation present to form our Post Auxiliary. The early portion of the meeting will be conducted jointly and then the ladies can be convened to complete their organization. (Note: All future Auxiliary meetings will be conducted concurrently with the regularly scheduled Post meetings.)

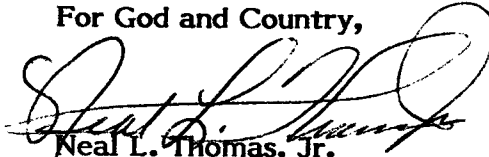
Item VI

Bingo - Our Bingo is doing exceptionally well since we changed our location. This is a much larger facility and we need more workers to man the Bingo crew. Therefore, I am asking that each Post member participate in this endeavor in some way. All of the jobs do not require you to walk the floor - some jobs can be done sitting. I know all the excuses, so don't try any new ones when you are asked to work.

Item VII

Meeting - Our regularly scheduled meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., ~~Tuesday~~ ^{THURSDAY}, 17 October 1985 at the Retired Enlisted Association Club House. We expect to see all spouses out with the Legionnaires. District Commander Harold Portis will be visiting our next meeting. Get involved! Hoping to see each of you at the Post meeting on 17 October 1985.

For God and Country,



Neal L. Thomas, Jr.
Commander

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