

FROM THE EDITOR:

THE POST HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED THE ASSESSMENT OF YOUR RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE DISTRIBUTED A FEW MONTHS AGO. THE RETURNS WERE VERY HEARTENING SO WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TIME HERE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE TIME AND PATIENCE YOU ALL GAVE IN ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS. WE ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC IN THAT AS A RESULT OF THOSE REPLIES, OUR FUTURE PLANNING WILL REFLECT YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

WE WERE INTERESTED IN THE FACT THAT THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS WHO PREFER NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. THIS INFORMATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE TREND OF AN INCREASING NUMBER OF DAILY CLUB PATRONS WHO ORDER SOFT DRINKS OR ONE OF THE MANY NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS KEPT IN THE BAR. WE SEE THIS AS AN ENDORSEMENT TO THE NATIONWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TO MONITOR AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS THAT ARE ATTRIBUTED TO EXCESSIVE DRINKING. POST 209 AND OUR UNIT UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

IT SEEMS TO BE A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP HAS A GOOD PROPORTION OF AGES AND OF A GENERALLY FRIENDLY NATURE. ALSO, THE CLUB ENVIRONMENT'S WEAK POINTS ARE RECEIVING STRONG ATTENTION IN THE DESIGN PHASE OF OUR NEW POST HOME. WE ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE MIGHT GET UNDERWAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OUR GOAL IS TO BE FULLY DECIDATED TO PROVIDE OUR MEMBERSHIP WITH A POST HOME WHICH WILL SATISFY ALL YOUR DEMANDS AND PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST IN THE STATE, IF NOT THE NATION, IN SERVING ITS MEMBERS.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO REGRETABLY CANNOT ATTEND OUR REGULAR MEETINGS DUE TO HEAVY SCHEDULES. WE APPRECIATE THOSE WHO REPLIED TO THIS EFFECT AND THEIR REGRETS FOR THE INABILITY TO FIND SUFFICIENT TIME TO BE ACTIVE. AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER MOST OF US HAVE BEEN IN THAT IDENTICAL POSITION, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE YOU ONE AND ALL. AS A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION WE PROUDLY EXPECT TO BE HERE WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO FIND THE TIME AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INTERIM SUPPORT.

WE ARE CONSIDERING SEVERAL NEW IDEAS WHICH WE HOPE TO IMPLEMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. LOOK FOR THEM IN THE NEWSLETTERS AND DROP BY YOUR POST WHENEVER YOU GET A CHANCE. IF YOU KNOW OF A FRIEND WHO WOULD ENJOY OUR PROGRAM, LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRESS, OR MIGHT POSSESS A TALENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, WHY NOT INVITE THEM TO JOIN YOU.

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FROM THE JR. VICE COMMANDER:

ON 26 OCTOBER 1991 FROM 8 TO 12 PM "THE DUNNS" WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE CLUB FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT. COME ON DOWN AND LISTEN TO THEM. THEY PLAY A WIDE VARIETY OF MUSIC OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES AND WILL ALSO TAKE REQUESTS. THERE WILL BE A \$2.00 COVER CHARGE AND THE CLUB WILL BE DECORATED FOR THE HALLOWEEN THEME. THIS IS GOOD MUSIC AS ANYONE WHO HAS HEARD THEM BEFORE CAN ATTEST.

ON 23 NOVEMBER 1991, WE WILL HAVE LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC BY THE "COW TOWN SWING", ANOTHER GREAT MUSIC TEAM. THERE WILL BE A \$2.50 COVER ON THIS EVENING AND IT IS WORTH EVERY CENT. THE COW TOWN SWING WAS CHANGED TO 23 NOVEMBER DUE TO THE DISTRICT BALL BEING HELD ON THE EARLIER DATE AT POST 38 IN SECURITY. COME ON DOWN AND MEET SOME FRIENDS.

Q. I. MCNEILL  
JR. VICE COMMANDER.

FROM THE COMMANDER:

HI LEGIONNAIRES

COMMANDER THOMAS COINED THE PHRASE "A LITTLE POST, GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS" BACK IN 1986, AND SINCE THEN, WE HAVE REALLY MOVED ALONG. WE ARE GROWING, GROWING AND ACCOMPLISHING MILESTONES FOR SUCH A SMALL POST. SINCE JULY, AS A TEAM, WE HAVE PURCHASED 7 + ACRES OF PRIME LAND FOR A POST HOME, PAID CASH! MARCHED IN THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE, CHAIRED BY NEAL THOMAS. ENJOYED A WONDERFULL POST PICNIC, CHAIRED BY HARRY JOHNSON AND QUINN MCNEILL, MADE TRIPS TO FLORENCE NURSING HOME AND CANON CITY PRISON MUSEUM. WE WERE THOROUGHLY ENTERTAINED AT OUR FIRST AMATEUR ENTERTAINMENT SHOW (GONG SHOW), CHAIRED BY JR. VICE COMMANDER QUINN MCNEILL AND THE EVENING WAS TOPPED OFF WITH A DELICIOUS AND AUTHENTIC MEXICAN DINNER BY JOSE AND JESSE ROMERO. (JOSE ROMERO IS ALSO COMMANDER OF VFW 4051.) AUGUST BEGAN WITH THE PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST RODEO, WHICH MANY MEMBERS WORKED THE STANDS, ASSISTING POST #5. THE POST COMMANDER, SR. VICE COMMANDER AND ADJUTANT ATTENDED AN ALL DAY SEMINAR IN DENVER WHERE WE WERE ENLIGHTENED OF THE MANY CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP AND COMPUTERIZED UPDATES. PAST COMMANDER LARRY JOHNSON IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE LONG RANGE MEMBERSHIP PLANNING TEAM FOR THE STATE. MANY OF US WENT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AT PHOENIX, AZ. SOME MEMBERS HELD MEMBERSHIP BOOTHS ON MILITARY RETIREMENT DAYS AT FORT CARSON AND THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY. MEMBERS OF THE POST AND AUXILIARY MANNED THE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP BOOTH AT THE STATE FAIR. JOY REID WAS AMONG THOSE WHO WORKED. THANKS TO WALLY LONSINGER FOR \$1,000 DONATION TO THE BUILDING FUND AND TO ANN FOSTER FOR HER MONTHLY DONATIONS TO THIS FUND.! SEPTEMBER 7TH, A GROUP OF 22 LEGIONNAIRES AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS WENT TO FT. LYONS VETERANS HOSPITAL. WE TOOK CLOTHING, BOOKS, AND CASH DONATIONS. THANS TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED. YOUR GIFT WAS APPRECIATED. WE TOOK PATIENTS OUT TO THE MANY BOOTHS OF FUN,PUT ON BY VARIOUS VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. SOME OF US WORKED IN THE SERVING LINE AND OTHERS JOINED IN TO FOLD THE MANY FLAGS THAT SURROUND THE FIELD. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, JOIN US NEXT YEAR!! THANKS, NEAL AND BIG JOHN FOR ALL YOUR WORK. THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, MEL COOPER, CHAIRMAN OF VA&R COLLECTED APPROXIMATELY 2 TONS OF CLOTHING, LOADED HIS TRUCK, AND TOOK OFF HOMELAKE NURSING FACILITY IN MONTE VISTA, COLORADO. SOME OF THE LEGIONNAIRES WENT ALONG TO HELP. IT WAS A LONG RIDE TO GO BOTH WAYS IN ONE DAY, BUT THOSE VETERANS REALLY HAD A BIG SMILE ON THEIR FACES WHEN THEY SAW THOSE CLOTHES! YOU DID A GREAT SERVICE, ALL OF YOU. I SINCERELY THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. THE NEXT SATURDAY, SOME OF US WENT TO FLORENCE, CO, TO HELP IN THE PIONEER DAYS PARADE AT THE REQUEST OF POST 25. THE DISTRICT 7 CONFERENCE WAS WELL ATTENDED AT POST 38 IN SECURITY. MANY OF OUR POST MEMBERS ARE OFFICERS IN THE DISTRICT. WE HAVE MADE MANY DONATIONS, AMONG A FEW WERE THE COLORADO SPRINGS SYMPHONY TO DEFRAY SOME OF THEIR COST IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND TO THE JERRY LEWIS TELETHON. WE INITIATED 17 MEMBERS AND WILL HAVE THIS CEREMONY AGAIN IN APRIL. THOSE INITIATED WERE JAMES C. TALLEY JR., ANN FOSTER, WILLIAM WEEKS, PAIGE LANIER, TERRY L. BURDETT, WILLIAM BARBEE, KENNETH MCCLAIN, HUGH BENNET, MILLICENT YOUNG, RICHARD AUSMUS, ROSS O. JONES, EDDIE L. JONES JUANITA MARTIN, TERY DISHMAN, ROBERT WHITENACK, JIM PERO, AND BRUCE MITCHELL. ALTON J. CYRIAQUE JR., WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUS INITIATED, RECEIVED HIS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE. PLAN TO ATTEND OUR APRIL INITIATION. DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT YOUR POST, QUINN MCNEILL HAS ENTERTAINMENT JUST FOR YOU EACH MONTH. WE STILL NEED BINGO WORKERS, PLEASE HELP. DON'T FORGET THE DISTRICT 7 BALL, MEET OTHERS THAT YOU HAVE A LOT IN COMMON WITH. REMEMBER, THERE IS STRENGTH IN UNITY...AND TOGETHER WE ARE WINNERS.

JUNE THOMAS  
COMMANDER

FROM THE UNIT:

OCTOBER 17, 1991 - MADAM DISTRICT PRESIDENT, MAE DILLON AND HER STAFF WILL VISIT OUR UNIT. THERE WILL BE A POT LUCK DINNER AT 6:00 PM AND EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH OF THEIR CHOICE. AT 7:00 PM PRESIDENT MAE WILL HOLD A UNIT CEREMONY. I URGE ALL NEW MEMBERS AND ANY MEMBER THAT HAS NOT RECEIVED THEIR MEMBERSHIP PIN TO PLEASE ATTEND. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.

THE BAKE SALE IS STILL BEING PLANNED FOR THE END OF NOVEMBER. I KNOW ALL YOU LADIES HAVE A FAMILY FAVORITE CAKE, PIE, COOKIES, OR CANDY RECIPE, SO WHY DON'T YOU DONATE SOMETHING FOR THE SALE? REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR UNIT AND IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO SURVIVE.

SPECIAL GET WELL WISHES TO ALICE HART, FLORENCE SPIEWAK, BARBARA JOHNSON, AND ROBIN GILBREATH EWING.

BETTY MIKULECKY  
PRESIDENT, UNIT 209.

FROM THE ADJUTANT:

WE OF CENTENNIAL POST 209 HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY MONTH. ON THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AUXILIARY VISITED OUR FELLOW VETERANS AT FORT LYON VA MEDICAL CENTER AND AT HOME LAKE. WE TOOK ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND BOOKS AND MAGAZINES FOR THE VETERANS AT THOSE LOCATIONS.

NEXT YEAR CENTENNIAL POST 209 WILL HAVE THE HONOR OF HOSTING A BOOTH AT THE FT. LYON ALL PATIENT DAY ACTIVITIES AND WE WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN THAN ENDEAVOR. IN ADDITION, MEMBERS OF THE POST ATTENDED THE DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE THAT WAS HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 38 IN SECURITY ON THE 22ND OF SEPTEMBER. DURING THIS CONFERENCE WE HEARD THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SPEAK ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS FROM WHAT HAPPENED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, TO THE LONG RANGE PLANNING GOALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO. COMMANDER BOCK SPOKE ON THE 32K CLUB OF COLORADO. THIS CLUB'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO 32,000 BY 1996. WHEN WE REACH THAT MARK THAT WILL BE THE ALL-TIME HIGH FOR THE STATE OF COLORADO.

OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL THIS YEAR IS 325 MEMBERS BY THE 31ST OF DECEMBER 1991. WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS GOAL WITH THE HELP OF EACH EVERY LEGIONNAIRE IN THE POST. ALL WE ARE ASKING IS FOR EVERYONE TO PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND OF COURSE AS ALWAYS BRING A FRIEND INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION. WE OF CENTENNIAL POST 209 HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN THAT WE ARE READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO LISTEN TO FRESH IDEAS THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR POST. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERYONE GEAR UP AND SUPPORT OUR COMMANDER JUNE THOMAS AS WELL AS THE COMMANDERS THAT WILL FOLLOW IN MAKING THIS POST A POST THAT EVERYONE CAN BE PROUD OF.

WE HAD OUR INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN SEPTEMBER AND THE PROGRAM WAS WELL RECEIVED. IF YOU MISSED THIS ONE, WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER ONE IN A FEW MONTHS FROM NOW.

I HOPE TO SEE EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED ON 17 OCTOBER 1991 AT THE POST HOME. REMEMBER TOO, THAT PRIOR TO THE MEETING WE WILL HAVE A MEAL STARTING AT 6:00 PM>

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
ADJUTANT

# A newsletter from your AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL POST 209

JUNE THOMAS COMMANDER

A LITTLE POST, GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS

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## OCTOBER 1991

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POST OPENS 11 A.M.		1	2	3	4 BINGO NIGHT REA BLDG	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 BINGO NIGHT REA BLDG	12 U.S. NAVY FOUNDED 1775
13	14 COLUMBUS DAY	15	16	17 ### POST 209 GENERAL MEETING	18 BINGO NIGHT REA BLDG	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 BINGO NIGHT REA BLDG	26 LIVE ** MUSIC THE DUNNS 209 CLUB
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION (REA) 834 EMORY CIRCLE COLO SPRINGS	

### Madam District Unit President MAE DILLON VISIT.

### MENU FOR OCTOBER

OCT 1-6	FISH FILET SANDWICH WITH COLE SLAW OR FRIES	2.00
	FROZEN FUZZY NAVAL	1.00
OCT 7-13	MEATLOAF SANDWICH WITH POTATO SALAD OR FRIES	2.50
	PEACH PIE (NOT A DESSERT)	1.00
OCT 14-20	BAR-B-QUE BEEF SANDWICH W/ONION RINGS OR FRIES	2.50
	BICARDI BREEZERS	1.00
OCT 21-27	BURRITO W/RED OR GREEN CHILI	2.00
	CACTUS JUICE	1.00
OCT 28-NOV 3	TUNA MELT W COLE SLAW OR FRIES	2.50
	LEMON DROP	1.00