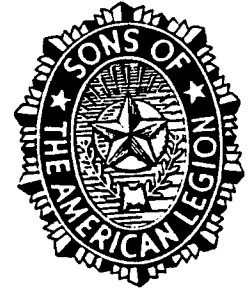


CENTENNIAL POST 209



THE AMERICAN LEGION



OCTOBER 1995

FROM THE COMMANDER - HARRY JOHNSON

LOOK ALIVE IN '95

People are divided into three groups:

- Those who make things happen
- Those who watch things happen
- Those who ask "What happened?"

Which group are you in??? Get off your seat and on your feet and get involved. We need your help!

We had a total of 17 members attending Fort Lyon's "All Patients' Day" program. The Post gave \$500.00 in cash, \$500 in new shorts, shirts, socks and \$1500 in used items.

The Department Workshop will be November 17-19 at the Regency Hotel in Denver, at I-25 and 38th Street. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

October 1 the Legion's new prescription drug program starts. You will be able to purchase prescription drugs from Kings Soopers, Safeway or Albertsons at up to 50% off generic drugs and up to 15-20% off brand-name drugs. Just present your membership card. A mail order service is available for maintenance medication, and a special customer service number will be available for questions.

The annual Oratorical contest is starting soon. The Post's contest will be no later than November 19. For more information, see Chairman Francis Reddington.

The effort to pass flag protection has passed the House and will be voted on in the Senate soon. There are 56 sponsoring senators; it takes 67 to pass with a two third majority. We are hopeful of passage.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - BARBARA JOHNSON

Our trip to Ft. Lyon was a really good one. My thanks to Dot Dassero, Vi Herath, Ruth Hornik, Janice New and Florence Spiewak for all their help. It was gratifying to see our newest member, Corrie Sue Frisco there also.

This month has gone by so fast. Already we are looking at cold weather and Halloween.

Our General Membership meeting was held on the 21st at the Post business office. The members at the meeting decided to have our October 19 meeting there too. This will also be visitation of our District 7 officers. Hope to see you there. It would be nice to have a good turnout for this meeting.

I will have more information on the Legion's prescription program for widows of Legionnaires.

Coming Events:

Exec Meeting Oct 4 - 7:00 P.M. Post Business office
Oct 19 - District Officer visitation.
November 17-19 Leadership Meeting Regency Hotel, Denver, I-25 & 38th

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

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
834 EMORY CIR - TREA BLDG

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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6, 1917 - 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

SERVICE OFFICER/SR VICE COMMANDER
HARRY MCFADDEN

I appreciate those who support their fellow veterans and are committed to supporting Post 209 activities but we still need more members to support American Lwegion Post 209.

I enjoyed meeting those at the August 19th Post picnic, especially those who don't come to our meetings regularly, and on the trip to the Medical Center in Fort Lyon, especially those who went for the first time and got involved with this event. And we would appreciate your assistance with our membership drive by bringing in a veteran to join and support us. We have two upcoming events for our membership drive that would appreciate your support.

Here are the two dates:
September 29, 30 & Oct 1 at the Rampart Range Sertoma Gun Show. Place: Pace Plaza (former Pace Warehouse). Time: Friday Noon to 5:00 P.M., Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. We will have table, chairs and more space than at the Air Force Academy Retirement Day. October 7 is the other membership drive at the Mall of the Bluffs, at a Trade Show, plus a Child Identification program.

Hope to see you involved because you care about your fellow veterans. Thank you.

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

The good news is that District 7 has made some internal adjustments which now allows our Post goal for membership to be 401 instead of 501 for the 1996 membership drive. This means that we are now at 40% of our goal and only nine away from 45%. The bad news is that renewals have almost come to a standstill. There must be a lot of you out there who have no interest in the Early Bird dinner. **THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE AS THE CUTOFF DATE FOR THIS TREAT IS 14 OCTOBER!!** New member recruiting is very small. Thanks to Neal Thomas, Larry Johnson and Harry McFadden, we have six brand new members. I have managed to get two transfers who also needed to renew their dues. That means a total of eight! Folks this does not get us a new Post Home; this does not do a very good job of helping our fellow veterans; this does not bode well for our service to children and youth programs or the community and this does not help the numbers needed to make our voices heard in Congress! Is there anyone out there who can tell me why you would not want to encourage your fellow veterans to join The American Legion? I would really like to know the answer! Maybe there is something we can do to help you to ask the people you know if they are eligible to belong to The American Legion? I would really like to know the answer! Maybe there is something we can do to help you to ask the people you know if they are eligible. **PLEASE REALIZE THAT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF CENTENNIAL POST 209 TO REMAIN A REALITY!!**

The other good news is that the National Convention in Indianapolis was excellent! We can be very proud of our Department Commander Ed Wearing who came close to getting a resolution on the dates for the Vietnam era changed to coincide with a beginning date used by President Johnson for awards given to these veterans. Our newly installed National Commander is Dan Ludwig from Minnesota, and he will do a fine job during the coming Legion Year. One of the resolutions passed would encourage Congress to allow VA to establish an HMO for health care. I know you are all aware that our health care benefits are already being changed and continue

to be in serious danger. Quite frankly this is just one of the very important reasons for having high membership numbers so Congress will understand our concerns. National Convention also honored the WWII veterans. The remaining crew members of the Enola Gay were presented with the highest American Legion decoration. Guest speakers of note were Senator Dole and General Shalikashvili. Senator Dole thinks the Flag Amendment will pass, but it is still early to know for sure.

Our National Commander will visit Colorado between 8 - 10 October. He will be at Post 193, 5110 Morrison Road, Denver, Monday evening, 9 October. If you would be interested in meeting him, please call the Post at 599-8624 and leave your name and number. We will be learning more about other places you may be able to meet him so we will be glad to call you as the information becomes available.

We received \$200.00 from the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo this year. This is \$50.00 more than last year. This money will help us with our American Legion programs.

The Department Leadership Program will be at the Regency Hotel in Denver, 17-19 November. Please consider going as there will be some very good programs on the agenda.



FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

The last few weeks have shown us that we do not lack for players. We are averaging 160 to 170 players a night. What we know is that we are short of workers. When one or two workers do not come we surely know it as everyone that has come in must do double or triple work in order to make our game a success.

We have lost a caller and really need about three in reserve in order to do the game to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

We lost a person for six months due to knee surgery. Harold Fricke, I thank you for your help, and I hope that everything goes well for you. Keep us informed.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

We have done two membership drives so far this year. The first one was done at the Air Force Academy for Retiree Appreciation Day. We met over 1800 Air Force Retirees that day, passing out American Legion literature. The second drive was done the weekend of 28 Sept - Oct 1. This was conducted at the old Pace Plaza in conjunction with the Rampart Range Sertoma Club's Gun Show. We managed to recruit several new members and a transfer from Post 211.

On October 7, we will be involved with another Community project. We will be at the Mall of the Bluffs from 10:00 A.M. till about 4:00 P.M. working with a Colorado Springs Cadet Corp doing a Children Identification program, as well as running our membership booth.

A date has been set with the Rampart Range Sertoma Club to have a booth at its Gun Show, on Thanksgiving Day weekend at the Pace Plaza.

This is brought up for two reasons; one being that no one seems to know what we are doing because hardly anyone attends meetings and second, because we would like help in recruiting new members for the Post.

We wouldn't need to have membership drives if we all would recruit just one new member; we would double our membership.

We are looking for other places where we can talk with potential members. If you have some ideas, give me a call at 590-1369, and we will look into it.

EARLY BIRD DINNER



The cut-off date to be an EARLY BIRD member is the 14th of October. We will have a dinner and entertainment on 4 November. Dinner will start with attitude adjustment at 6:30. The dinner will be held at the DAV Post 26, located on the corner of Palmer Park and Peterson Road. Please give me a call at 590-1369 or call the Post at 599-8624 and leave your name and how many will attend with you. Reservations must be made by the 31st of October.

If you have renewed your membership and have the Early Bird stamp, there will be no charge for the dinner but there will be a slight charge for anyone accompanying you. I will have more information in the next newsletter.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

October 1995

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 <i>Yom Kippur</i>  7:00pm POST EXEC MTG	5	6 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	7
8	9 <i>Columbus Day (Observed)</i> 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	10	11	12	13 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	14 EARLY BIRD CUTOFF
15	16 7:30pm 8/40 MTG POST 5	17	18	19 DISTRICT 7 VISITATI- ON  7:00pm POST GEN MTG	20 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	28
29 <i>Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour</i>	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>				

November 1995

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			1  7:00pm POST EXEC MTG	2	3 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	4  6:30pm EARLY BIRD DINNER
5	6	7 <i>Election Day</i>	8	9	10 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>
12	13 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	14	15	16 7:00pm  POST GEN MTG	17 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	18
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19	20 7:30pm 3/40 MTG POST 5	21	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	25
LEGION W...						
26	27	28	29	30		

		BINGO WORKERS SCHEDULE				
		FOR MONTH OF : OCTOBER 1995				
		1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK	5TH WEEK
PAYOUT CLERK	AL TON C.	HARRY J.	TERRI M.	TERRI M.	TERRI M.	TERRI M.
FRONT CLERK	FLORENCE S.	FLORENCE S.	FLORENCE S.	FLORENCE S.	FLORENCE S.	FLORENCE S.
FRONT CLERK	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	IREANA C.	IREANA C.
SMALL JARS	TOM M.	TOM M.	TOM M.	TOM M.	TOM M.	TOM M.
SMALL JARS	FRANCIS R.	FRANCIS R.		FRANCIS R.	FRANCIS R.	FRANCIS R.
SMALL JARS						
LARGE JARS	BILL P.	BILL P.	HILDA P.	BILL P.	BILL P.	BILL P.
LARGE JARS	JANICE N.	JANICE N.	JANICE N.	JANICE N.	JANICE N.	
LARGE JARS						
FLOOR WALKER	WALLY L.	WALLY L.	WALLY L.			
FLOOR WALKER						
CALLER 1ST HALF	FLOYD B.	DORRIE W.	DORRIE W.	FLOYD B.	FLOYD B.	DORRIE W.
CALLER 2ND HALF	LARRY J.	JEFF N.		BILL P.	BILL P.	LARRY J.
BINGO MANAGER	LARRY J.	LARRY J.	FRANCIS R.	LARRY J.	LARRY J.	LARRY J.

September 30, 1995

Dear Comrades:

We held our Friday night Bingo last night as we have done for the past eight years that I have been a member of this Post.. **WE HAD A GOOD TURNOUT OF CUSTOMERS; WE DID NOT HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT OF MEMBERS TO HELP.** The bulk of the workers have been working Friday nights for many years. Three are Auxiliary members and two are recent members. They all had other things that they would have liked to have been doing other than working bingo.

I'm not sure if you realize just how important the bingo game is to the continuation of Post 209. Every program we have is paid for by the profits we earn from bingo.

For example:


The Fort Lyon Hospital support	\$1,000.00
Boys State program	2,340.00
American Legion Baseball	650.00
Contributions to Veterans programs & Homeless Vets	
Pikes Peak Veterans Council, Food and Other	1,680.00
The American Legion Birthday Party	300.00
Newsletter printing, postage	1,555.00
(all other work is voluntary help)	
Oratorical Program	200.00
Office Rent, Telephone, Office Expense, etc.	6,000.00
Picnic	200.00
Christmas Party and Dance	500.00
(voluntary help)	

These are a few of the important programs of the Post which we need income for yearly. All of our income comes from Bingo (except for a small share of membership dues, less than 20%). There are other programs to help veterans and their families. Our state goal is to help veterans and their families (Children & Youth). We need your help and the participation from our membership if we are to continue the stated goal of The American Legion and Post 209.

I would therefore appreciate it if you would complete the enclosed survey sheet and return it to me or bring it to our General Membership Meeting on October 19, at the TREA Building at 7:30.

If you care, and are concerned about the future of Post 209, and care whether or not this Post continues, you will show up at the General Membership Meeting on October 19th. We will be discussing options for Post 209 and will need your input.

Sincerely,


Harry Johnson
Commander, Post 209

IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS, I HAVE ATTENDED _____ MEETINGS OR
THE REASON FOR MY LACK OF ATTENDANCE IS:

1.

2.

3.

I BELIEVE THAT THE PROGRAMS ARE IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

YES _____ NO _____

I ONLY WANT TO BE A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER AND DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE STATED GOAL OF HELP ING VETERANS.

YES _____ NO _____

I WILL GIVE MY SUPPORT, ATTEND MEETINGS, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMS.

YES _____ NO _____

I AM WILLING TO DEVOTE 3 HOURS PER MONTH TO HELP AT OUR BINGO GAMES TO RAISE
THE NEEDED FUNDS.

YES _____ NO _____

I CAN PUT ASIDE ANY PERSONAL PREJUDICES AND WORK FOR THE STATED GOALS OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION AND POST 209.

YES _____ NO _____