



Centennial Post 209

**Box 4495
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SEPTEMBER 1, 1978

MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS:

September 7: Meeting will be held at Moore Realty Company, 3690 North Academy Boulevard. The guest speaker will be Brenda Van Antwerp, American Legion Service Officer, Department of Colorado.

September 21: Meeting will be held at Moore Realty Company, 3690 North Academy Boulevard. The guest speaker will be Fred Bland, Director, El Paso County Election Department.

BLOOD DONATION:

We now have a blood bank for American Legion Post 209. To donate please contact Penrose Hospital, 2215 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Co. Phone: 475-2600 or Penrose Community Hospital, 3305 North Academy Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Co. Phone: 591-2511.

BLOOD IS LIFE - GIVE A LITTLE

If you have any questions, please contact Norm Avery at 597-3641.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our new membership year began August 1. By now, all of you old (1978) members have received your dues notices from National Headquarters. We have already received dues from quite a few of you, and would appreciate it if the rest of you get your dues in as soon as possible. So sit down and write your check now, before it slips your mind. Either mail it to the Finance Officer, P.O. Box 4495, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80930, or bring it to the next meeting on September 7, 1978.

We have a big job ahead of us this year. District 7 has assigned us a quota of 80 members this year. We had 55 members on board at the end of the 1978 membership year, and have already picked up 8 new members. If all of you old members stay with us, and if all of you will make an effort to get new members to join us, we can make our quota with no sweat.

We have a couple of new members who have transferred to Centennial Post 209 from other posts. Just a reminder - you transferrees will not receive a dues notice for our post. You may receive a dues notice from your old post. If you do, please send that dues notice with your check for \$12.00 to our Finance Officer at P.O. Box 4495, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80930.

CONGRATULATION TO IRV JOHNSON:

Legionnaire Irving A. Johnson, a member of the Post Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from El Paso County for 'Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Veterans of El Paso County'.

The certificate was presented at our August 17 meeting by Alfred L. Gillen, Director of the County Department of Social Services, in recognition of Irv's volunteer work with the County Veterans Service Office. During the past six months, Irv has assisted the the Veterans Service Office in processing claims for VA benefits for 14 elderly disabled veterans at the Union Printers Home. He is continuing as a volunteer outreach worker for the office.

Service to veterans is what the American Legion is all about, and Irv's dedicated effort reflects great credit on the Legion and our Post as well as on himself. Our sincere congratulation and appreciation, Irv.

COMMITTEES:

A current list of the Standing Committees and Committee Responsibilities are attached for your information. We still need volunteers for the Program and Social Committee.

American Legion Post 209

Standing Committees

Planning:

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| Chairman Lyle L. Laabs | 473-5647 |
| Loren M. Eberhart | 597-1902 |
| Tom Knutson | 599-5668 |

Program and Social:

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| Chairman Manuel Sisneros | 596-8089 |
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Membership:

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| Chairman John Gaillard | 576-0816 |
| Lester R. Brosset | 591-8759 |
| Neal L. Thomas, Jr. | 597-7726 |
| John Hughes | 597-6275 |

Telephone:

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| Chairman Walter Peritz | 473-5939 |
| Charles Turner | 471-7088 |
| William Buchanan | 591-2205 |
| Harold Douglas | 596-2700 |
| Benson Lennie | 635-8272 |

Americanism and Youth:

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| Chairman Max Hoyer | 597-3498 |
| Bill Mahar | 599-0290 |
| Richard Fine | 596-0089 |
| Thomas McArdle | 596-3340 |

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation:

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| Chairman William P. Harden | 633-3901 |
| James F. Canavan | 591-0497 |
| Irving A. Johnson | 596-2584 |

Legislative and National Security:

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| Chairman John Gaillard | 576-0816 |
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Public Relations:
Chairman Neal Thomas 597-7726

Finance:
Chairman Bob Dunkin 495-2327

Newsletter:
Chairman Dante DeMio 597-2162
George Wall 596-1828

Nominations:
Chairman George Charlson 597-2162
Robert Hudson 547-1475
Thom Foulks 598-7825

Blood Bank:
Chairman Norman Avery 597-3641

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
Centennial Post 209

PLANNING: To make short and long-term plans on "where we want to go, and how we can get there." This would include, but not limited to such things as post activities and a home owned by the post.

PROGRAM AND SOCIAL: To plan programs for the Legion Year. Secure speakers for these programs. They should coordinate with Legion Activities, timely subjects of community interest, National Holidays (Veteran's Day, July 4th, Flag Day etc.) Plan for and promote Founder's Day Banquet (Second Meeting in October, or nearest week-end), Installation Banquet (First meeting in May or nearest week-end) and other social affairs.

MEMBERSHIP: To obtain, retain and increase the membership of The Post with specific responsibilities for renewals, enrollment of new members, transfers and reinstatements. Notify other appropriate committees of additions to the membership.

TELEPHONE: Contact every post member by phone before each meeting, giving information on programs, post activities, social affairs, dues reminders, Veteran's Benefits, and other items when appropriate.

AMERICANISM AND YOUTH: To inspire patriotism and good citizenship through patriotic observances, patriotic and civic instruction in schools, Americanization of aliens, information on anti-American propaganda, youth activities such as Boys State, Oratorical Contest, School Awards, Flag etiquette and other similar community services.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION: To assist veterans in obtaining needed hospitalization, in the prosecution of claims and in obtaining other veteran's rights and benefits; to visit comrades who are sick or disabled; to visit and comfort members or their families when sick or bereaved. To keep the membership informed as to the veteran's rights and benefits available.

LEGISLATIVE AND NATIONAL SECURITY: To promote public support of the Legion's programs through publicity objectives of The American Legion by a study of American Legion Legislative proposals, information to the membership thereon, and direct communication with members of Congress and the state legislature. Keeping the membership informed on other legislation that may affect their Veteran's Benefits.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: To promote public support of the Legion's programs through publicity on post programs, meetings and activities in local newspapers or on radio, T. V. etc.

FINANCE: To supervise the receiving, disbursement and accounting of all post funds; to advise the post on all financial policies.

NEWSLETTER: To gather, edit, publish and mail the post newsletter to contain information on post activities, meetings, coming events, Veteran's Benefits etc.

NOMINATIONS: To canvass the post for members who will serve as officers for the coming Legion year. Make a nominations report to the post at the first meeting in March.

BLOOD BANK: To supervise the post's participation in the Blood Bank program.