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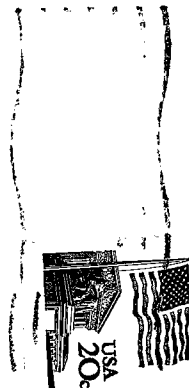
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Newsletter: SEPTEMBER 1984

ITEM 1: The National American Legion Convention which convened on 31 August 1984 in Salt Lake City, Utah was a huge success. I am happy to report that our candidate, Pat Smith, was unanimously endorsed for National Commander 1985-1986. He will be duly elected at the National Convention held in New Orleans, LA. If possible, plan to attend and support the first National Commander from Colorado and the first Vietnam Veteran Commander.

ITEM 2: I was rather disappointed to learn that with a membership numbering upwards of 70 members, that we were unable to get 5 members to work the Sertoma/Legion Bingo on Wednesday night and only 8 members at our own Thursday night Bingo at the DAV Clubhouse. Perhaps it is not known that our primary source of incoming revenue is Bingo. I don't know what it will take to get the members of this post off their duffs and out working to make this the best American Legion Post in Colorado. Each of you joined the American Legion because you believed in what it stands for--then why not support its efforts to continue in the pursuit of its tenets. While sitting comfortably in your G. I. Home Loan Financed home; enjoying the fruits of your labors by virtue of the education gained through the G. I. Bill; remember the efforts of the American Legion to make this dream possible 40 years ago. Can't we at least work to preserve it?

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ITEM 3: Hopefully next month we will have a Street Breakfast in a Northeast Shopping Center. It will be on a Saturday morning when most people are off work. It is my fervent hope that at least our post members will come out in full force and make a good showing. The date will be decided at the upcoming meeting. Why not attend the meeting and offer your assistance.

ITEM 4: We have a nice place to hold our meetings at the Retired Enlisted Association Club and we do not smoke during our meeting. The next scheduled meeting is 18 September 1984 at 7:30 p.m. We strive not to prolong our meetings and they rarely last more than 2 hours. If there are those of you needing a ride, please feel free to call me and I will make transportation arrangements for you. Please make an effort to attend. Call me at 473-6220.

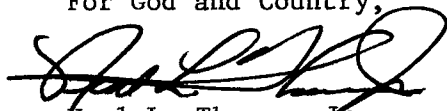
ITEM 5: You have no doubt received your membership renewal dues notice. Why not come out to the next meeting and renew in person. You might find that you like our little post's friendliness and cordiality. While you are at it, why not invite a friend to join you at the meeting and maybe also join us. If we each get a new member imagine how rapidly our post will grow. Our motto for the year is -

"EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER IN 1985."

Let's do it together, Gang. Our goal for January 1985 is 135 members.

IF YOU CARE ENOUGH TO BELONG---BECOME INVOLVED IN
SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS

For God and Country,



Neal L. Thomas, Jr.
Commander