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S E P T E M B E R

The alarm clock shrieks a shrill, invading tone into your peaceful morning dream. Slowly, you roll over, realizing once again you must pry yourself from your warm nesting place and face another A.M. of getting the kids off to school.

This is the scene that is going to be happening all over the country this month. The CHILDREN AND YOUTH of our community will once again be traversing the streets.

The CHILDREN AND YOUTH as we all know will be out in force and will not be displaying any caution or paying attention to what they are doing or how they are doing it.

I ask that all of us pay special attention as we are leaving our homes and going to our places if business or whatever or where ever you are going and watch out for the CHILDREN AND YOUTH of our community and let them LIVE in order that someday they may be ready to take over the reigns of our great country and provide the leadership that we will need in the future. SO PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY



Besides school starting this month, there are other activities that are going on. On September 2, it is VJ day. September 9 is the Post visitation to Fort Lyon Veterans Hospital. September 17 is Constitution Day.

As we all know, the Constitution has been in the forefront of many conversation an actions for the past few months. The National Commander has called for all Legionnaires to stand up and be counted in regards to an amendment to the Constitution. This amendment is to safeguard the very symbol of freedom that we have fought under for two hundred plus years. This symbol of freedom is known throughout the world as a SYMBOL OF FREEDOM. The Constitution has stood the test of time as well as conflict and has emerged stronger than ever. I would like to ask that all who read this letter pause and take some time to reflect what the Constitution is, has been, and will be in the future.

I sometimes wonder how many people have taken the time to read this great document but better still I wonder just how many people have understood what this great document has meant to this great nation.

FORT LYON VISITATION:

You have heard me in the past talk about the visit to Fort Lyon and the All Patients Day activities that will be conducted on 9 September 1989. The Post is planning on renting a vehicle to transport those that would like to participate down and back to Fort Lyon for the day. I urge everyone who would like to see what this day is all about to attend. I know that we will have some good entertainment and conversation. We will leave at 7:00 AM that morning an will return later that evening. For details please feel free to call me at 574-0646.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISITATION:

On 21 September 1989, the Department commander Jay D. Vise will be visiting District Seven. This event is called the Fall Conference and gives the Department Commander and his officers as well as Committee Chairman the opportunity to present plans for the upcoming year. Commander Vise will also present awards and goals that evening to members of the District an Individual Posts and members. The Conference will begin at 7:00 PM at American Legion Post 38, in Security, Colorado.

BINGO AN CLUB MANAGEMENT:

Last month in the newsletter you read how the Post needed a Bingo Manager and Club Director. I asked for help from you, the membership, an to date have received none. I am again going to ask you for that help. I know that a member of this Post has some time on their hands and is looking for something to keep them busy. Well here it is, the opportunity to occupy some time and also get the feeling that you are contributing to this great organization.

I thought that I had got over the problem of the Club Director, but I guess I was wrong. I still need someone who can volunteer their time to make this Post Home a viable entity within the American Legion and the Surrounding Community.

If anyone has the time and might be willing to donate it. If you will please call me at 574-0646 I will be more than willing to meet with you and explain what needs to be done.

I have heard rumors from some members of the Post who have been talking to other members that they are willing to work one night a month at Bingo. For this I say thank-you, but I need to ask these people to please contact me, at 574-0646 and arrange a night that you would like to work. This will enable the Post to go to new heights and achieve greater things,

PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP:

The permanent membership plan is now open to everyone. I have explained in previous letters how it works and I will explain it again. The first step to getting the membership is to pay your 1990 dues. Then, in order to figure out the cost of the plan multiply \$12.50 times \$20.00 this should be a total of \$250.00. Add to this a fee of \$25.00 for plan support for a total of \$275.00. The Post can help you, if you would like to make monthly installments keeping in mind that the offer of the permanent membership closes in December of each year. If you would like to participate in the permanent membership plan please call me at 574-0646 and I will make arrangements to meet with you and explain the program to you in person.

MEMBERSHIP:

We are doing pretty good in that we have reached 30 percent of your assigned goal of 246 members. I would like to urge all Legionnaires to renew their membership now as the EARLY BIRD deadline is quickly approaching.

If you will look at your label on your letter, you will notice that in parentheses you will find something like this (89), this indicates the year that you have renewed or maintained your membership for. As of this letter, if the number in parentheses is 88 or below you will no longer receive a newsletter from this Post. However, if you would like to continue to receive this newsletter as well as the National Magazine just put a note in the mail with a dues renewal of \$20.00 and I will see that you continue to receive these articles.

LARRY L. JOHNSON
COMMANDER

AUXILIARY CORNER:

HI LADIES;

There are quite a few things going on this month so get out your calendars and mark these dates. The first day you need to mark in September is Saturday, September 19th which is All Patients Day at Fort Lyon's VA Hospital. It's a chance for the hospital patient's to get out and enjoy some games and festivities with our help. For more information check the Commanders column. If you have any unwanted Magazines or Men's clothing we could deliver them to the hospital the same day. These items are always in need.

The next day to mark is the FIRST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 12TH. This is the day of our regular meeting. We changed it from our regular Thursday night because of conflicting engagements. Thursday, 21 September is the District Fall Conference at Post 38 in Security. I hope as many as possible will attend this conference as it is a great source of information as to what the Auxiliary is all about and the programs it sponsors. It's also an opportunity to meet the Department President. It all starts at 7:00 PM.

The last day to mark is SEPTEMBER 28TH. This is the day of our sewing party. We will be making welcome bags, lap robes, etc for the nursing home. So gather up your scraps of materiel and your scissors and thread and join in the fun. I'll also need a few people to bring in portable sewing machines. It all begins at 1:00 PM at the Post Home.

To recap here are the dates to remember:

Sept. 9	Trip to Ft Lyons VA Hospital
Sept. 12	Meeting at Post Home, 7:00 PM
Sept. 21	Fall Conference, Security Post 38, 7:00 PM
Sept. 28	Sewing Party at Post Home 1:00 PM

If you have any questions or need further information on any of these events call me at 574-0646. Let's all get involved and have a great representation at all of these events.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION;

MARGERY JOHNSON
PRESIDENT