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THE AMERICAN LEGION



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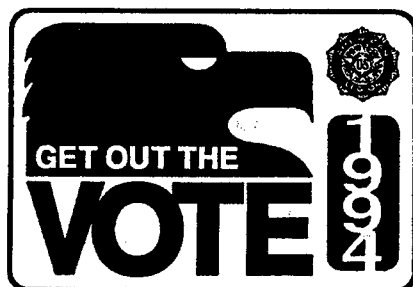
**FROM THE COMMANDER - AL  
CYRIAQUE**

September is a busy month. It's the last holiday of summer, and I want to wish each of you a beautiful Labor Day weekend and an accident-free holiday.

Saturday, September 10th, we go to Fort Lyon, Colorado for All Patients Activity Day. For the new members, and old members who have never gone, join us. It will be a beautiful day, with a lunch and carnival games for the veterans there.

Oh, by the way, we still need help for Bingo. If you can work a Friday evening, call the Post and leave a message for the Bingo chairman, Larry Johnson. I'm sure he'll be glad to have you. (Ed Note: A reminder that all of our Bingo workers must be a member of the Post or Auxiliary to work Bingo...a sneaky way to remind you to pay your dues.)

If we have any members not registered to vote, please register...and then vote, Your vote does count.



**FROM THE PRESIDENT - DOT  
DASSERO**

I was unable to attend the August meeting and thank Marcia Shellhammer for so effectively handling the meeting. I hear we had a great potluck. It's pleasant to start off the evening with a social get-together since we don't have a post home in which to socialize afterwards. Not all who come to the meeting can make it in time for the potluck but we welcome all members to each function.

Barbara Johnson reports that membership renewals have started to come in. Let's get them mailed in as quickly as possible so that we don't have to keep reminding you. If you'd like information on permanent membership, send a note along with your renewal and Barbara will get it to you. My membership is paid for the rest of my life and it's nice not to have to worry about it.

The Executive Committee will meet here at the office on September 7. Also you are reminded to call your reservation into the post for the Fort Lyon trip on September 10 and the Cripple Creek trip set for September 17.

The next item on our Legion and Auxiliary agenda is the Fall Conference set for Sunday, September 18. I have not received word on the time or place.

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	ALTON CRYIAQUE
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JUDGE ADVOCATE	ERNEST KELLY
SERVICE OFFICER	HARRY MCFADDEN
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I  
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918  
World War II  
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946  
Korean War  
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955  
Vietnam War  
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975  
Granada & Lebanon  
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984  
Panama  
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990  
Persian Gulf  
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	ROSALIE FRICKE
CHAPLAIN	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.  
POTLUCK - 6:00 p.m.

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**MEMBERSHIP - HARRY JOHNSON**

Have you ever thought, "Why did I join The American Legion?" If you haven't thought about it lately, I challenge you to take a few minutes and ask yourself that question.

I have given this some thought and here are some of the main reasons I joined.

1. Many of our comrades are not as lucky as I am; I have good health. It can be devastating to be sick and have no one to turn to and no place to go for care. The Legion fights for veterans' health care needs every day.

2. The camaraderie...it is very important to be able to get together with your fellow Legionnaires and discuss the problems our comrades are having and the problems our country has faced over the years, and to realize the unselfish sacrifices which many of our comrades have made, being away from families for months and sometimes years; perhaps returning wounded and unable to resume a normal life or perhaps not returning at all and leaving a young family to fend for itself.

How lucky we are to have the Legion take up the fight to retain the

benefits that are absolutely necessary to our comrades who returned to an uncertain future.

3. How many of us would have been able to purchase a home or been able to go to school without the GI Bill of Rights? I was privileged to do both because the Legion wrote, lobbied for and secured passage of the GI Bill. This bill is the most successful federal program ever enacted by the federal government and would not have been possible without The American Legion.

4. Many of the veterans of my era, WWII, are destitute, in poor health, and I'm sorry to say, have no one to turn to for care except a government which seems to think in terms of cutting out the life-sustaining services needed by these veterans.

Vietnam veterans suffered with the problems of Agent Orange and the Legion has fought for their rights for many years, and only recently has begun to get some relief for their problems.

Gulf war veterans have many problems, and again, the Legion has been successful in its effort to get some response from the federal government.

Perhaps the most scandalous of all is the way our government has abandoned our prisoners of war and MIA veterans. The Legion has been in the forefront in the effort to force our government to insist on the return of our MIAs and Prisoners of War, or at least, have an accounting of them.

If it were not for the veterans of this nation, there might not be a USA, certainly we would not enjoy the way of life we now enjoy.

5. There is also a social side to

the Legion, as witnessed by our recent picnic. Although not as many attended as we would have liked, those who came enjoyed themselves. We had a lot of good food and good comradeship. Other events we enjoy are the Christmas party, Legion birthday party, dances and other social events.

While not completely social, the upcoming bus trip to Fort Lyon will be enjoyed by a group of us who will help to make All Patients Day a success. The trip is September 10 and the bus holds only 24. It's air-conditioned and comfortable. The bus will depart from the post home at 8:00 a.m.

The upcoming trip to Cripple Creek on September 17 will be purely social and a lot of fun; don't forget to reserve your seat for both of these trips.

It is very important that we have all of you as members of the Legion. Our current membership is over 3 million. One thing politicians understand is numbers. Very few members of Congress were in the service of their country. They don't understand the sacrifice required to serve in the defense of their country, or understand why they should vote to spend money for benefits for people they cannot relate to, but they do understand the ballot and the number of votes which the Legion represents. They understand it requires votes to be elected to office. They understand the dollars and cents of getting re-elected. They understand what a possible 3 million votes means. It would be even more forceful if we had 5 million members. They would understand that even better.

Please renew your membership today and help yourself and your fellow veterans who need your support today. YOU may need the support tomorrow. (To be continued)

## ***SALON 422 BET40***

La Petit Chapeau Dot Dassero announces that meetings of the Salon will resume September 19, 7:30 P.M. at Post 5. La Secretaire, Betty Andrews, will be accepting dues.

### ***THE THREE "Cs" FOR OUR SUCCESS***

As we begin to organize our plans for the upcoming year, there are a few things that we need to think about and act on.

We need to instill a sense of **CONFIDENCE** in our programs and goals, both **LONG** and **SHORT RANGE**.

In May, those in attendance at the meeting elected a slate of officers whom they felt would help lead this Post to greater heights. We must have that same confidence in these officers to allow them to bring forth ideas and activities which will support The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary programs.

Every member of this Post, whether The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion must display this confidence wherever we go and whatever activity we are involved in. It is only through this confidence that we will continue to improve our programs and our POST.

In order to succeed at the programs and activities, we must have the **COMMITMENT** of each and every member. Without this, we can only achieve what the few who become involved can do. Commitment is the foundation for properly operated programs, such as Oratorical, Boys and Girls State, Boys and Girls Scouts, the Christmas basket program, to name a few.

The third "C" is the **CONVICTION** which we have in ourselves, the belief that this Post can achieve whatever it sets out to do. This conviction will lead to the **COMMITMENT** and **CONFIDENCE** which we as American Legion members must have in order to succeed.

**REMEMBER, THAT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN EXCEL AT WHAT WE WERE FORMED TO DO IS THROUGH OUR OWN CONFIDENCE, COMMITMENT AND CONVICTION.**

Larry L Johnson, Finance Officer

### ***FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES***

The only fund-raising activity this Post currently has is our weekly Bingo game conducted on Friday evenings at the TREA building at 834 Emory Circle (behind ENT Federal Credit Union). The bingo game starts at 7:00 and is usually over by 9:30 or 9:45.

We currently have a nucleus of individuals who have been working these games every Friday night. We are in need of members who can donate three or four hours a month to help.

Those who are working this game have the conviction that the more help we have, the faster we can get into a Post home on the property which we own. Without your help, we will survive but our membership for the year 1994 was 400 plus members, and we can count, on a regular basis, only 25 max who have the commitment, confidence and desire for this Post to achieve its dream. We could use your help.

If you find that you can spare, and are willing to spare, the three or four hours a month that we need, please give Larry Johnson a call at 590-1390 (home) or 526-9093 (work), and I will gladly give you further information.

LARRY L JOHNSON, BINGO CHAIRMAN

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

We are moving right along in membership. We now have 179 members for 1995 and that puts us at a little better than 35% of our goal. The other good news is our goal has now been reduced from 550 to 501 thanks to changes that were made at National, Department, and District levels. However, that doesn't mean that we can let up in our efforts. Our next goal date by Department is 15 Sep 94 and we need to be at 40% by then. Thus, we need to sign up and/or renew 21 members by that date. Anything you can do to help us in this effort will be greatly appreciated. This will not be hard at all, if you are agree with any of the excellent points mentioned in the article by our Sr Vice Comdr Harry Johnson. I would also like to commend Larry Johnson for the excellent articles he contributed in this newsletter.

Upcoming meetings are as follows: Executive Committee at the Post office 7 Sep and 5 Oct 94, 7:00 pm; General Meeting at Calvary United Methodist Church 15 Sep and 20 Oct 94, 7:00 pm.; and Fall Conference District 7 at Post 38 18 Sep 94 at 1:00 pm.

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS BY USING THE FORM BELOW IF YOU MOVE!! IT WILL SAVE US THE COST OF FIRST CLASS POSTAGE, WHICH IS MONEY THAT COULD BE BETTER SPENT ON LEGION PROGRAMS! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST!!

As soon as you know your new address, mail this card to all of the people, businesses, and publications who send you mail.

For publications, tape an old address label over name and old address sections and complete new address.

Your Name (Print or type. Last name, first name, middle initial.)					
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New Address	No. & Street	Apt./Suite No.	PO Box	RR No.	Rural Box No.
	City	State	ZIP + 4         -		
Sign Here		Date new address in effect		Keyline No. (If any)	

**CRIPPLE CREEK TOUR**

**17 SEPTEMBER 1995**

**LEAVE FROM THE POST'S  
OFFICE**

**REGISTRATION FEE OF  
\$10.00.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO CRIPPLE  
CREEK. THERE WILL \_\_\_\_\_  
PERSONS ATTENDING WITH ME. I  
AM ENCLOSING THE AMOUNT OF  
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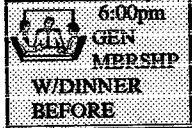

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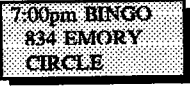



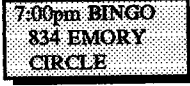

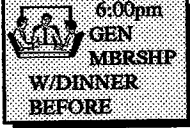

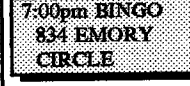


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