

# CENTENNIAL POST 209

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

SEPTEMBER 1996



*"get that  
Pride of Belonging!"*



Membership renewals have continued to come in, and we have gotten quite a few new members recently. We need all who have not sent renewals in to send them ASAP to qualify for the free Early Bird dinner.

Our trip to Fort Lyon on September 7 leaves the Post Home about 7:00 A.M. If you have useable items, such as clothing, shoes, magazines, video movies, bring them to the Post or give me a call and we will get them picked up so we can take them down to our fellow veterans at Fort Lyon. They need them.

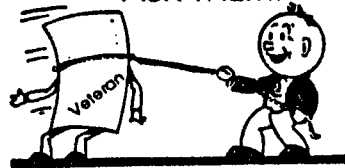
I have estimated, with the help of the Clerk and Recorders office, that if the Murphy initiative passes, and when the Post Home is completed, that our tab would be about \$8,000 per year. This law would be disastrous and would be the end to some non-profit organiza-

tions. **BE SURE YOU VOTE "NO" ON THIS INITIATIVE IN NOVEMBER.**

I know that we are always talking about three things in our Newsletter and at our meetings...Bingo, Membership and Voting. There is a reason. Bingo - the budget approved at the last meeting is \$113,015.00. All but \$23,000 of this income comes from Bingo. Without this income we could not operate or provide programs for Veterans and Children and Youth. Membership - without membership, we would be less effective in efforts in the House and Senate in preserving your benefits and rights. Voting - one example is stated above regarding voting. Voting is one of our basic rights. By voting, we control our own destiny.

The membership meeting will be September 19. It will be at the DAV Post, corner of Peterson Road and Palmer Park Blvd. We will meet at 7:00

**DON'T LET THAT  
MEMBER GET AWAY.  
ASK THEM!**



P.M. We will not have a Potluck dinner this month. We would like to have each of you show up for the meeting. Bring a friend who is eligible for membership.

September 15 there will be a memorial dedicated in Cripple Creek for POW-MIA's at the City Park at 12:00 P.M. Plan to attend.

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY McFADDEN
JR VICE COMMANDER	JEFF NEW
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
SCT. AT ARMS	ROBERT MYNATT
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
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  
 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

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SCT. AT ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

The House passed a COLA increase of 2.8% for 1997.

VA recently awarded 7.3 million in grants for the study of Gulf War illnesses to see if a cause can be determined and treatment given.

There is a new hoax letter out regarding GI insurance dividends. This time they want you to send your DD 214 to them - Don't send that DD 214 to anyone except VA or other government agencies.

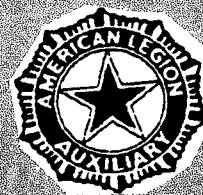
MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.  
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

We now have a new VA medical benefits resource information booklet in the office for anyone who may need information about benefits.

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA



AUXILIARY NEWS  
BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

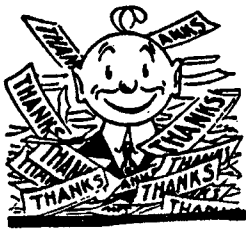
OFFICE

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The Picnic was fun with good food and fellowship.

We should give Commander Harry, Finance Officer Larry, Chaplain Howard and

Judge Advocate Wally a big hand for working so hard mowing the weeds on the Post Home property. Francis Reddington prepared the horseshoe pits and provided the cover. Jeff New was in charge of food, etc. Thanks guys, we appreciate you.



We had a very poor turn-out at our August meeting. It was my pleasure to welcome Alice Hayman who became a member. Her husband is also a new Post member and we welcome them both.

I hope, with the busy summer season about over, you will attend our meetings. Your four officers are doing their best but we need your participation. It is extremely hard on us because we think no one else cares if we sink or swim. We need your participation.

Our next meeting will be September 19. I hope, with summer winding down, you will be able to attend. We need your support to keep going.

## ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

September 4 - Executive Meeting - 6:30 P.M.

September 19 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

September 28 - Fall Conference at Post 5 - 2:00 P.M. All attend and meet the new Department officers.

October 17 - District Visitation - 7:00 P.M. - Mark your calendar.

## ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

We now have 168 members for 1997. It appears the renewals may be slowing down some. If you want to get on board for the Early Bird dinner, then send in those renewals.

Three from our Post will be attending National Convention in Salt Lake City, 30 Aug - 4 September. We hope to bring back lots of news for you.

"...the Star-spangled  
Banner  
in  
triumph  
shall wave..."

Francis Scott Key



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of the United States



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Saluting those who  
make America  
work.

The  
American  
Legion