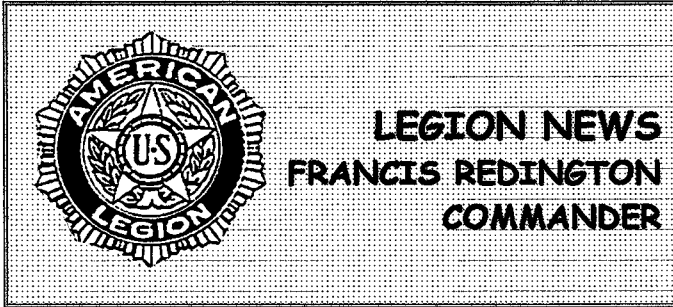


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

SEPTEMBER 2000



IT seems like only yesterday that this was one of those years that is very important in that during any General Election year, many programs are discussed and/or debated. For most of US, many of our health and monetary programs will be addressed by both major parties. The politicians WE elect must have our best interests at heart. That means every veteran, senior citizen and/or disabled person must get out and VOTE OUT the people who would sell out this block of people for the all mighty dollar. **SO PLEASE PLAN ON GETTING OUT TO VOTE!!** It is very important for US to protect what few benefits WE have. This information has been coming to you by bits since about the February 2000 Newsletter. It is now a matter of 45 to 60 days away. Get ready to make a decision WE can all live with

To lighter news, the 10TH ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION POSITION AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS concluded August 12,

crowning two young people Champions. The young man who won the Precision Air Rifle Championship will be invited to join the National Development Team for further training and maybe a shot at an Olympic berth in years to come. That will give you an indication of how far this Americanism program progressed in ten years of work. It is a cooperative effort between National Headquarters and many other Posts across this great country of ours.

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo was a success by any standard. WE had quite a few people who worked it to help get some funds for the Post. Some of the more prominent members were Howard and Ruth Hornik, Ann Foster and Norman Moyer. WE were well represented. Some of the names escape me right now. There will be a follow up by Ann Foster as she was OUR main contact with the rodeo planners. Please look for it and read her article carefully. For now, **REMEMBER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER 2000.** If you need support, please contact US at any time.



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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, 1956
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

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DUES \$15.00

AUXILIARY WILL MEET THE THIRD THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER
AT THE POST'S OFFICE ON AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY

SR VICE COMMANDER
CHUCK ZEITVOGEL

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

September 16th is set for a retiree appreciation day at the USAF Academy. Most events will be in the Cadet Field House from 0900 to 1200. Military retirees and their spouses are welcome and urged to attend.

Guest speakers will include State Senator Mary Ellen Epps, the VA Regional Director from Denver, the Academy Hospital Commander and others to provide updated information of interest to retirees and spouses. Expect to hear the latest about legislative initiatives, medical care, casualty assistance, other retiree benefits from military, VA and representatives. Hear what the state of Colorado is doing for retirees. Your questions will be welcomed by the speakers.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
VFW POST #4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK AVE.
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

EDITOR

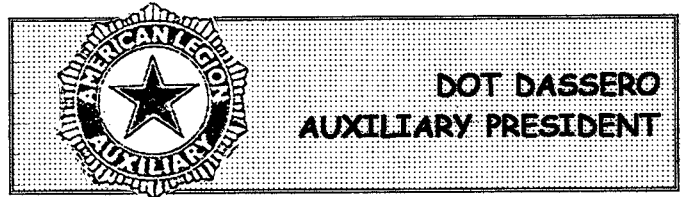
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Other organizations providing

fraternal and legislative support for retirees are expected to be there. This event is for the benefit of retirees/spouses. Take advantage of this opportunity and attend.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Centennial Post owns approximately seven acres of prime real estate located on the corner of Austin Bluffs parkway and Old Farm Road. Plans are for a Post Home to be built on this property. This land currently requires minimal maintenance, i.e. cutting grass, weeds and other vegetation and removing accumulated trash.

Commander Redington, 2nd Vice Commander Moyer and I spent Saturday August 5th doing this maintenance. A fair amount of trash has accumulated along our property line fence that others dumped there. The trash includes pieces of concrete, bricks, 2x4 wood scraps, tree branches, grass clippings, chain link fence and parts of a discarded roof.

This trash needs to be removed and hauled to a dump or otherwise disposed. We need help doing this. I'm now asking this help from you, our members. If you have or know of a source for a truck or trailer that could be used to haul the trash to the dump, please let us know. Call Commander Redington at 471-3925 or Vice Commander Zeitvogel at 531-0546 so a date and work party to remove the trash can be planned. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

A letter has arrived from the second young woman we sent to Girls State, Caryn Marie Hickman, and I thought you would enjoy reading it. She says: "The day I arrived at Girls State I just wanted to turn around and go home. I was overwhelmed with being nervous and everything and it didn't help that I had gotten lost and was late. All the other girls around me seemed so confident, which much later I found they were just as nervous as I was. I definitely was not looking forward to wearing skirts all week, but my city and I got through it together. After all, it was only 6 days.

As the week went on, I began to slowly come out of my shell. I was nominated as City Treasurer and I was having a great time running for County Assessor. It was a fun campaign because it was friendly. People voted on who they thought would be the best by listening to their speeches and fortunately the ladies around me thought I'd do a good job and voted me into the position. I was later installed into my position at a beautiful assembly. We got to dress up and all the girls were there to watch everyone who had a position get commenced into position.

It was great being able to get involved and have hands on experience. I was part of the Senate and we came up with some great vetos. Occasionally it was

hard to be open minded about some situations but in the end it all turned out okay. We had a good chairperson that made sure we didn't get out of hand and that we got things done quickly.

Along with passing bills we got a couple of good speakers. One of them told us the greater details of passing bills. The best speech was about our American flag. It really opened my eyes and made me realize the importance of our flag. I learned things that I didn't know we were supposed to do (or not to do for that matter).

Not only did I learn about the government but I learned a lot about being myself and getting along with others. It was hard to always get along with others because we were all leaders and had different ideas. In the end, we compromised and the disagreement was just brushed away.

I enjoyed myself very much and I am very grateful to the sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. I thank you! I have been privileged to have the chance to go to Girls State. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

Isn't that neat...makes you feel good about spending the money to send these girls.

See you the third Thursday of September at 1:30 at the Post's office on Austin Bluffs for the Auxiliary meeting. Please come.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER

I am very happy to report that we are now at 60% of our goal for the year 2001. This is the best we have done in a long time. Let's keep up the good work and try to make our 100% by the end of December!

As our Commander has said the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo was a success. I am very grateful to all who worked taking tickets at the Northeast gate. Others helping were Harry McFadden, Greg Andries, a newcomer to this event, and a couple of friends who worked some times that I could not. This is an important event for the Post and the community as the proceeds go to us. It is also a lot of fun. Join us next year!

I did something new this year at the Air Rifle Championships and it was a lot of fun, also. I helped change the targets and it was quite interesting to see how really good these young people can shoot. Think about helping with this event next year, also.

We are going to have a guest speaker at the next General Membership meeting on 21 September. Dr. Steven Kidd from the VA Outpatient Clinic will give us an overview of the new Substance Abuse Program for veterans and ways that we can help our fellow veterans in need. Please plan to attend this important meeting!



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To: The Friends and Neighbors of the American Legion:

1. The city of Colorado Springs has contacted us with concerns in the area of health and safety on the property that is adjoining the housing areas of Austin Bluffs and Old Farm Road.
2. As a result of this concern, we have walked the property to determine the problem areas and how to correct them.
3. As a result of our review, it looks like lawn clippings, debris, construction materials and numerous branches have been thrown over the fences and dumped at random areas on the property.
4. We are planning a cleanup on Saturday, September 23, from 8 a.m. until however long it takes to accomplish the task.
5. We are asking that if you have thrown debris over the fence, please help us clean it up. We would like to remind everyone that this property is not a dumping area and that in the future, we will be monitoring the property according to city policies.
6. We plan to have a dumpster and a skid loader for heavy and large materials. We will also have several pickup trucks to transport debris to the dumpster from September 22-25.
7. In addition to the cleanup activity, we are planning a small barbeque between 12 and 1 p.m. for the area residence. This is designed to allow us to meet you and give you a chance to meet some of our members.

Please RSVP by September 16th to The American Legion, PO Box 25334, Colorado Springs, CO 80935 or call the above number to let us know the number of available people in the cleanup and the number of people participating in the barbeque so we can be adequately prepared. All family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Together we can make our neighborhood a safe and healthy environment for everyone. See you there Saturday, September 23rd.

Sincerely,

Francis Redington
Post Commander

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Participants at Clean Up _____ at Barbeque _____