



Centennial 209 Newsletter

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**From the Commander
Charles "Chuck" Zeitvogel**

Patriots Day

This September 11th is designated as Patriots' Day. The American Legion is encouraging Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members and their families, to use this first anniversary of terrorist's on our United States of America to honor past and living patriots of this great country.

We encourage all to participate in the various community events celebrating Patriot's Day as possible.

Benefactors

The topic of Benefactors was addressed on page 7 of last month's newsletter. For those that may have missed it – I am repeating it again on this front page for your benefit. The need still exists and is real!

My dictionary defines Benefactor as; "One who gives financial or other aid". My question to you is: do you know of someone who would be a benefactor for our American Legion Post 209. In my efforts to convince our Board of Trustees to approve the construction of a building on the lot that we own, their question continues to be, "How will we pay for it".

"Allow me to be sold bold as to suggest that perhaps other than Bingo, raffles, or sweepstakes we may know of individuals or other entities that would like to be, and would be willing

to be, benefactors for us to build a building on our lot. Whereas, a complete Post home, may not be feasible with cost running from \$ 400,000 and up, perhaps we might shoot for something more modest such as a building that could be used just as an office. In this regard my rough estimated cost would be that the costs would be much less, such as \$ 150,000 to \$ 200,000 in construction costs.

"Therefore, please check with your friends and acquaintances asking if they would know of anyone or an entity that would be willing to be a benefactor to our Post 209 for the designated purpose of building a building on our lot. Thanks. Contact me at timebird@juno.com or send a letter to the address in the heading. Benefactor Categories will be outlined in next month's newsletter.

Wanted Fund Raising Chairperson

This will be a nonpaying position but one that is desperately needed in my opinion.

Qualifications: A person who is enthusiastic, a self-starter, and able to follow through on details and be willing to run with a fund raising program for our Post 209. If you are or know of a person of this caliber please contact me at the Post office phone 719-599-8624 or my home phone of 719-531-0546 and I will fill you in on the details. A quick overview of the need is as follows: We have a 7.4 acre lot that I and other members would like to see developed to include building a Post Home or a general purpose office" on it. My estimate is that we need between \$ 200,000 and \$ 400,000 or more. The \$ 200,000 is for a "Post general multi-purpose office" and \$ 400,000 or more for a" Post Home". Detailed architecture plans for a Post Home have been drawn up". However, because of a lack of funds to build they



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are languishing in our current administrative office. A "Post general multi-purpose office" on the other hand would cost less and would at least get the "ball rolling" for the development and use of our lot. Thus the need for a fund-raiser chairperson is acute.



**From the Adjutant
Ann Foster**

Adjutant Annotations

The 2003 membership drive is moving right along, but has slowed done quite a bit since the middle of August. Last month I said the goal was 297. In the latest Department Bulletin it was announced they are changing the goal to a cutoff that is consistent with the one National used for the Department. This is an earlier date, so our goal is now 292. Fortunately, this works in our favor.

We now have 154 members. We have 33 Paid-Up-For-Life members, two new members, and the remaining 105 are renewed members. Since Department has advised they will probably not renew the Permanent Life members until October, we technically have 14 members. Using the first total we are seven away from 55% and using the second total we are one away from 48%. Either way we are well ahead of last month and that is wonderful!! Let's keep this up and make our goal by the end of December.

The 12th Annual American Legion Junior Shooting finals were very exciting this year as the level of competition was keen. For the first time all three National Offices were

present: The National Commander, The National Auxiliary Present, and the Sons of The American Legion Commander. The thirty finalists in the Sporter and Precision categories, 15 each represented the 1300 competitors that did not make it to this level. On Saturday, 10 August, eight from each category vied for National Champion. A young lady from Pennsylvania won the Precision title and a young man won the Sporter Title.

For the first time two Colorado shooters competed. Alice Trujillo of Brush, Co. and Greg Youngs of Golden were from the Colorado Gold Shooting Club. Alicia won a bronze medal in the Precision Standing category. We hope to see more Colorado shooters in the future.

At the 19 September, General meeting our guest speaker will be Millicent Young, a Women Air Service Pilot (WASP), a member of our Post. She will share with us how she became a pilot and subsequently, "Flew to be shot at, for our country".

I encourage all of our members to come and hear this unique talk. I would especially like our female members to attend.





Annual Early Bird Dinner



At what's
Happening

Well, what is an Early Bird?

An Early bird is the Legionnaire, Auxiliary member as well as a member of The Sons of The American Legion who has renewed/joined Centennial 209 Family by 31 October 2002. This includes all Paid up for Life members PUFL).

How to tell if you are an Early Bird?

One way is as has been previously stated by paying your dues by 31 October 2002. The 2nd way to tell is when you look at your 2003 membership card and there is a Early Bird stamped on your card.

The 209 Annual Early Bird Dinner will be on Saturday, 16 November 2002. The dinner will be held American Legion Post 5, 15 E. Platte Ave, Colo. Spgs.

The evening festivities will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a social period. At 6:45 P.M. will be the opening session with dinner being served at 7:00 P.M.

Following the dinner a formal initiation will be conducted. This initiation is for those Legionnaires who have transferred into our Post, joined our Post and any Legionnaires who has not been to an initiation previously. This is designed to provide an understanding when the various portions of The American Legion Emblem stand for. It also provides information on the various programs and activities.

There is no charge for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary or the sons of the American Legion members for this dinner. For non-members there is a slight charge of \$ 5.00. We would like to know how many will be in your party. Please call Greg Andries at 719-636-3346 by 13 November 2002.

- 5 Sep** **Post Executive Meeting,
4291 Austin Bluffs Pkway
Ste104, 6:30 P.M.
Board of Trustees Meeting
to be conducted after Exec.
Mtg.**
- 19 Sep** **Post General Membership
Meeting, 430 E. Pikes Peak
Ave, 7:00 P.M.**
- 3 Oct** **Post Executive Meeting,
4291 Austin Bluffs Pkway
Ste104, 6:30 P.M.
Board of Trustees Meeting to
be conducted after Exec. Mtg.**
- 17 Oct** **Post General Membership
Meeting, 430 E. Pikes Peak
Ave, 7:00 P.M.**
- 19 Oct** **District & Fall Conference,
7:00 P.M., American Legion
Post 5, 15 E. Platte Ave, Co.
Spgs.**
- 31 Oct** **Halloween – Please drive
safely keeping an eye for
kids.**
- 7 Nov** **Post Executive Meeting,
4291 Austin Bluffs Pkway
Ste104, 6:30 P.M.
Board of Trustees Meeting to
be conducted after Exec. Mtg.**
- 13 Nov** **RSVP to Greg Andries at 719
-633-3466**
- 16 Nov** **Early Bird Dinner, 6:00 P.M.
American Legion Post 5, 15
E. Platte Ave.**
- 21 Nov** **Post General Membership
Meeting, 430 E. Pikes Peak
Ave, 7:00 P.M.**

Post 209 Officers

Commander	Charles "Chuck" Zeitvogel)
Senior Vice Commander	Norm Moyer
Junior Vice commander	Greg Andries
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Historian	Bill Marshall
Sgt-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Thomas Morant
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas

Dues \$ 30.00

Auxiliary Officers

President	Dorothy Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sgt-at-Arms	Ruth Hornik

Dues \$ 15.00

Meetings

Post Executive Meeting -- 1st Thursday -- 6:30 P.M. -- 4291 Austins Bluffs Parkway, Ste 204

Post General Membership Meeting -- 3rd Thursday -- 7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave.

Auxiliary General Membership Meeting -- 1:30 P.M. -- 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Ste 204

Board of Trustees

Chairman (3 yr.)	Neal Thomas
Secretary (2 yr.)	Alton Cyriaque
Finance Officer (1yr.)	Gideon Diamon
Commander (1 yr.)	Charles Zeitvogel
Member (3 yr.)	Larry Johnson
Member (2 yr.)	Francis Redington
Member (1 yr.)	Ann Foster

Eligibility Dates

World War I
April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918

World War II
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

Korean War
June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955

Lebanon/Grenada
August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984

Panama
December 1989 to January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf
August 2, 1990 to cessation of hostilities
as determined by U.S. Government

Standing Committees

The following are the committees and the chairperson with their telephone number.

Planning/Budget and Public Relations -- Chuck Zeitvogel
719-531-0546

Membership -- Norm Moyer 719-392-3725

Program/Social -- Greg Andries 636-3346

Americanism/Youth Scouting/Jr. ROTC and

Marksmanship -- Francis Redington 719-471-3925

Legislative and National Security -- Neal Thomas 719-392-1510

Veterans Affairs -- Tom Morant

Rehabilitation -- Howard Hornik 719-596-6343

(Club) Land Use/ Care/ Development -- Greg Andries
719-636-3346

Adhoc Committees

Constitution and By-Laws -- Neal Thomas 719-392-1510

Property Inventory -- Office Ann Foster 719-599-8624,

Storage Larry Johnson 719-622-0344

Auxiliary Liaison (Open)

Sons of The American Legion Liaison -- Larry Johnson
719-622-0344

Bingo -- Greg Andries 719-636-3346