

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209

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September 2006 – NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY 9, 2006

TREA

**0900 Breakfast, 1000 Meeting
Officers' Comments**

COMMANDER - W. W. Bandler

Centennial Post 209 has not conducted an initiation ceremony for new members in over four years. We therefore will be conducting an initiation ceremony during our October 14, 2006 general membership meeting. We will have breakfast at 0900 and our general meeting at 1000. The following is a list of Legionnaires of Post 209 who need to be initiated into The American Legion. We encourage all who can attend to do so. Please RSVP the Commander by phone (531-7747) or by the Internet (wbandler80920@peoplepc.com) by September 15, 2006, if you will be able to attend the ceremony. This will allow us time to make arrangements for TREA to provide ample food for our breakfast:

Dwayne J. Porter, Homes K. Kinte, Kirk Hannivig, Dellis Morris, Francesca I. Smith, Vincent Johnson, Joe E. Browning, Bernard J. Whitney, Richard D. Brandt, David G Johnson, James J. Marchese, Joel Franzen, Corey Wade, Jimmy C. Bowden, Albert L. Donnell Jr., Timothy A. Amthor, Arthur L. Criswell, Vicky R. Pettis, George A. Thornton, Luther D. Floore, Edward L. Arcuri, James Dodge, Edward W. Weaver, Michael J. McInerney, Isaac K. Woodfork, Larry R. Grenier, E.J. Nusbaum, Carl Jordan, William A. Weiland, Robert Wherley, Philip Larsen, Curtis Wash, Mario Taracena, Penny A. Marshall. (If we have missed anyone who hasn't been initiated please advise the Commander so we may add your name for initiation).

There will be no General Membership meeting for the months of November and December 2006. The November meeting has been preempted by our participation in the Veteran's Day Parade and ceremony and the December meeting by our annual Christmas luncheon.

The Executive Committee decided that for the benefit of all our members, especially those who cannot attend our general membership meetings, we would publish our newsletter on a monthly basis rather than every other month. This way we can keep all our members better informed of information on a more-timely basis.

ADJUTANT - Ann Foster

Membership

We now have 202 members for 2007. That is really wonderful as our goal has now been announced to be 312. That means we are at 65%. Keep up the good work.

Cub Pack 24 - Now that school has started we are very busy with our recruiting efforts to get the Pack off to a good start. We recruit from Washington Elementary, where we meet, Midland Elementary, and Buena Vista Elementary. Popcorn will be starting sooner than we might think. However, we cannot actually start taking orders until 22 September. If there is room, you will be able to see what is being offered this year from the Trail Master Company. We will put the order form in the next newsletter or do a separate mailing, if needed. Keep your fingers crossed that we are able to bring Scouting to more boys than last year. If there is anyone who is willing to be an Assistant Cub Master, an Assistant Den Leader, and/or Advancement Chair, please let us know as that would be very helpful.

JR. Shooting - Just like everything else with beginning a new school year this program is just now getting underway. We hope this year's team will improve overall, so that perhaps they too could join in with Canon City's team to be represented at the National Finals.

FINANCE OFFICER – Norm Moyer

SPECIAL ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE POST. PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE OFFICE OR LEAVE A MESSAGE. EACH ITEM IS A DONATION OF \$5 TO THE POST.

CHAPLAIN- Mario Taracena

JOHN SENTENA, August 31, 1933 – August 7, 2006

John left this life after a period of struggling with cancer. He is survived by his wife Jackie, 11 children, 25 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He served in the Navy and was former State and district Commander. His funeral services were held at Memorial Gardens.

“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” John 14: 2

THOMAS MORANT JR., October 27, 1953 – August 9, 2006

The son of our Service Officer, Tom Morant, Jr., left this world after a long struggle with cancer. He served in the US Army. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda and three daughters, Kilikutu Petique Wade, Kimberly Antoinette Bravo and Bessie Lavon Sims. Funeral services were held at Evergreen Funeral Home and burial at Evergreen Cemetery.

GEORGE R. BEST, JR., September 28, 1926 – July 8, 2006

A Legionnaire for 15 years, he retired from the US Army and Target Stores. He was preceded in death by his wife. George is survived by 3 sons, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Shrine of Remembrance with burial at the Chapel Mausoleum.

MONICA KARZAN

Monica passed away on July 8, 2006. She was the wife of fellow Legionnaire, Mario Karzan. Monica struggled for a long time with a debilitating severe rheumatoid arthritis.

We are asking for your prayers for and in behalf of **Lois Chriswall**, wife of Art Chriswall who spent time in the hospital undergoing treatment for bladder and heart problems. Lois is now home recovering comfortably.

Your thought and prayers will also be appreciated for **Ilse Hoggenmiller**, wife of fellow Legionnaire Herman Hoggenmiller. Ilse has spent time in Penrose and St Francis Hospital for the treatment of lung problems.

PATRIOT DAY

President Bush proclaimed September 11th a National Holiday commemorating the victims of the villainous attack on our nation on September 11, 2001. This heinous attack on New York and the Pentagon was perpetrated by Islamic terrorists who hate our way of life and freedoms.

Let us celebrate this day by flying the flag at half staff, meditate and observe a moment of silence to honor those 3,000 plus innocent victims who lost their lives on that infamous day.

Let us not forget that this attack by the forces of evil, domestic and foreign, are still alive and waiting in the shadows to strike again, as demonstrated in the recent foiled plan to blow up several planes over the Atlantic. American lives are still being lost; our soldiers are still fighting this ferocious enemy whose goal is the destruction of America. Why? Because they abhor our democratic way of life, the liberty we enjoy and the freedom of worship according to the dictates of our conscience. Let us continue fighting in whichever form this enemy exists to preserve our heritage and values. Let us continue reaffirming our faith in God and its divine guidance for our country: "GOD BLESS AMERICA"!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rosh Hashanah is a religious Hebrew holiday meaning "Beginning of the Year." This year it begins at sundown, September 21. It is celebrated on the first and second days of the Jewish calendar month of "Tishri." It has similar meaning as the 1st of January. Rosh Hashanah not only celebrates the New Year, but also the creation of the world. This year will be the year 5,767. According to customs and traditions this day is dedicated to praying, visiting friends and relatives and wishing each other happiness and prosperity in the coming year.

PAST COMMANDER – Bill Marshall

This message was received from Department Adjutant Pat Smith and will be discussed at the September 7 Post Executive Committee meeting:

"The delegates to the National Convention voted to increase the per capita by \$4.50 per member effective on January 10th, 2007. This means that the per-capita due to the Department for all membership transmitted after that date will be \$28.00 per member. Now is the time to encourage all members to either pay for a Paid up For Life (PUFL) membership or pay their 2007 dues prior to December 31st, 2006. Department will need to have all membership into our office no later

than close of business Friday January 6, 2007 in order for us to process them and have them turned into national by their deadline. More information will be forthcoming next week about the process for a post to raise their dues prior to the January 2007 dues notice going out to their members. The next issue of the Observer will carry an article with more details.”

PAST POST COMMANDER - Chuck Zeitvogel

It's a Fact

If a person lives long enough he or she will be a senior citizen one day! Some organizations will say a person becomes a senior citizen after the age of 50, some say after 60 or 65 years of age, others might joke and say you're only as old as you feel. Why should any of this be of interest to us? Well, the fact is that senior citizens face some unique challenges as they age.

A few days ago I was in the East Library, off Union Blvd, and picked up a copy of The Seniors Blue Book, A Seniors Resource Guide for Colorado Springs and Surrounding Areas which is a directory of senior housing and resources, as well as a copy of the Pikes Peak Region 2006 Senior Housing Directory. Both are published by the Seniors Resource Council and are free. Their e-mail address is info@seniorresourcecouncil.org or one could call them at (719) 260-0744.

The 2006 Senior Housing Directory comments that, “By the year 2020, 15% of the population living in the Colorado Springs area will be 65 years of age or older...” and then briefly defines independent housing, retirement communities, assisted living, nursing facilities, skilled health care, and affordable housing, as well as geriatric care managers, where facilities are located, average costs per month, and in some cases costs on a daily/hourly basis. For information on costs, I suggest stopping by the library for a free copy of the two guides mentioned above.

My belief is that senior citizens should strive to enjoy the best quality and quantity of life possible, and use the community resources available locally to achieve these goals. The Senior Resource Council has brought together a wealth of information to assist senior citizens. Its web site is www.seniorresourcecouncil.org for anyone who would like to learn more about its activities.

Thanksgiving Day Food Baskets/Boxes

Your American Legion Centennial Post 209 has helped distribute Thanksgiving Food Basket/Boxes in past years to members who desired participate in this program. The offer is again being extended now to anyone who would like to participate. All it takes is placing an order in late October or early November to meet the November 18th distribution date from the source where I pick up the food, and you can pick it up from me at the Post 209's office parking lot. The cost is usually about \$30.00 for about \$60.00 worth of food for a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal. If you want me to pick up the food items on the distribution day, contact me by October 15th and I will have the exact cost and what will be in the food baskets/boxes. My phone number is 719-531-0546. The food items are purchased through the SHARE Colorado program, which anyone can participate in on a monthly basis through any number of locations here in Colorado Springs and through out the state.

Programs Supported by Post 209

- Service to Veterans
- Memorial Day & Veterans Day Parade
- Boy's State
- Crawford House for Homeless Veterans
- Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans

- Pikes Peak Veterans Council
- Scouting
- Jr. ROTC
- Jr. Shooting Program
- Oratorical Contest

Coming Events

- Sept 4----Labor Day
- Sept 7---- E.C. Meeting
- Sept 9----Membership meeting
- Sept 10----Grandparents Day
- Sept 11----Patriot Day
- Sept 18----U.S. Air Force Birthday (Go Fighting Falcons)
- Sept 21----Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- Sept 23----Autumn Begins

2006-2007 Ad Hoc Committees

- Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510
- Property Inventory:
 - Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624
 - Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344
- Auxiliary Liaison –W.W. Bandler
- Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

2006-2007 Board of Trustees

- Chairman – Neal Thomas
- Secretary – Alton Cyriaque
- Finance Officer – Norm Moyer
- Commander –W.W. Bandler
- Member (3yr) – Bill Marshall
- Member (2yr) Neal Thomas
- Member (2yr) – Larry Johnson
- Member (1yr) – – Chuck Zeitvogel
- Member (1yr) – Alton Cyriaque

2006-2007 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.104, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.104, immediately following Post Executive Committee Meeting.

2006-2007 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee	
Commander	W. W. Bandler
Sr. Vice Commander	Philip Larsen
Jr. Vice Commander	Richard Brandt
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Curtis Wash
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena
Judge Advocate	Vacant
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Ex. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Bill Marshall
2005-2006 Auxiliary Unit	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms	Vacant

Calendar

September 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 E.C. Mtg./Brd. Of Trustees	8	9 Post Mtg.
10 Grandparents Day	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 U.S. Air Force Birthday	19	20	21	22 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	23 Rosh Hashanah, Autumn Begins
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Thank You for Supporting Scouting



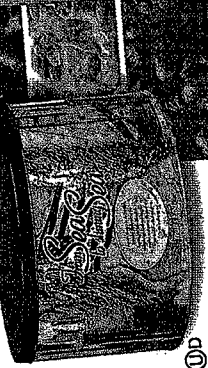
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CHOC-FULL of Chocolate Goodness!

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- White Chocolatey Caramel Crunch 20 oz.
- Chocolatey Pretzels 18 oz.
- White Chocolatey Pretzels 18 oz.
- Chocolatey Peanut Clusters 12 oz.
- Trans Fat Free

\$50 ^{UD}

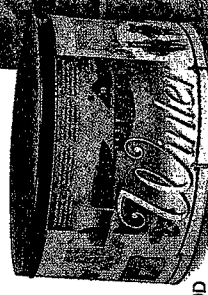


SAVORY & SWEET 3-WAY TIN

Cheddar, Caramel, Chocolate

- Gourmet Cheddar Cheese Corn 7 oz.
- Our finest Gourmet Caramel Corn with almonds & pecans 24 oz.
- Chocolatey Caramel Crunch™ 22 oz.
- Trans Fat Free

\$40 ^{UD}



CARAMEL AND 2 CHEESE 3-WAY

Cheddar, White Cheddar, Caramel!

- Gourmet Cheddar Popcorn 7oz.
- Savory White Cheddar Popcorn 7 oz.
- Caramel Corn with Peanuts 24 oz.
- Trans Fat Free

\$35 ^{UD}

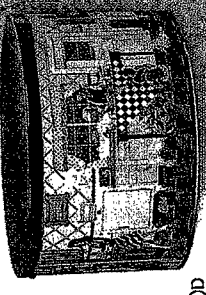


CHEESE-LOVER'S DELIGHT

The Cheeest Cheddar Popcorn!

- Gourmet, delicious, savory
- Sealed for freshness
- Three 7 oz. foil bags
- Trans Fat Free

\$30 ^{UD}

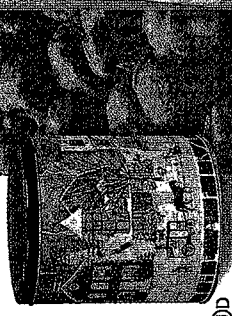


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- Packed in foil for freshness
- 24 oz.
- Trans Fat Free

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GOURMET CARAMEL CORN

With Almonds & Pecans!

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- Tribute to Scouting tin
- 26 oz.
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15-PACK KETTLE-CORN-MICROWAVE

BIG 15-pack Sweet 'N Salty

- Old-fashioned flavor
- County fair favorite

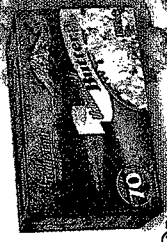
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15 PACK "UNBELIEVABLE BUTTER"™

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15-PACK BUTTER-LIGHT

BIG 15-pack Microwave Popcorn

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CARAMEL CORN

With Peanuts!

- "The Original" caramel corn with caramel-glazed peanuts
- 11 oz.
- Trans Fat Free

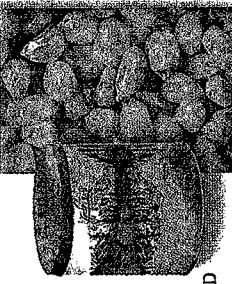
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POPPING CORN

- 2.5 lb.
- Trans Fat Free

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TO EXCEED
\$ 750,000

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