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"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

JANUARY 1993

COMMANDER FLOYD BUFKIN

I am really excited about the way the year has started out for our Post! I can hardly believe the membership figures! WAY TO GO!!!!!!

As you know, we are working very hard to revise the Constitution and By-laws of the Post. I had hoped to get the proposed changes in this issue of the newsletter, but we just haven't had time so you will be receiving the proposed changes in a separate mailing soon. Please take time to review these proposed changes, and I hope all of you who have recommendations or comments will attend the next general membership meeting so that we can make these much needed changes official.

I want to express my gratitude to the members who have stepped forward and volunteered to be on the Club Committee. I am sure that we will soon see the results of their hard work. We appreciate all you do for the Post and for The American Legion.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!! SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

SWEETHEART PARTY

We are having a Sweetheart Party and Dance, on February 13, starting at 7:00 and running until 11:00 P.M. We will also have a cake/pie auction at that time. Admission will be a cake or pie, boxed and wrapped as fancy as you would like to make it. Without a box, the cost of admission will be \$2.00 per couple. Individuals, \$1.00 per person. Dress your Sunday best and come out and enjoy the music, dancing, cake, ice cream and punch.

CRIPPLE CREEK BUS TRIP

Sign up for the Cripple Creek trip, scheduled for Monday, February 15, President's Day! We'll have coffee and doughnuts at the Post at 9:00 A.M., the bus picks us up at 10:00 and we leave Cripple Creek for the return ride home at 4:00. Best news of all...there's no charge!!! The trip, including lunch, is all free. Spend your day in Cripple Creek, doing whatever you want to do...watching the burros or whatever.

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MEETINGS

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POTLUCK DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

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Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*February 3 - Executive Meeting -
Post and Auxiliary*

*February 5 - Past President Parley
Luncheon*

February 11 - Auxiliary Sewing Party

February 12 - Family Night

February 13 - Sweetheart Party

February 15 - Cripple Creek Trip

February 15 - Bet40

February 18 - General Meetings

February 26 - Family Night

March 18 - Auxiliary Initiation

April 15 - Legion Initiation

CLUB NEWS

Bob Morris has resigned as Club Manager, effective February 20, 1993. The Executive Committee has appointed a three-man committee to assume that responsibility. The committee, comprised of Al Cyriaque, Larry Johnson and Harry Johnson, will assume its duties on February 20. Starting this month, we will publish all club activities at least two months in advance. This will allow plenty of time for you to plan ahead and be able to attend all events.

We want to advise you of the following events. Starting with this issue, the club will serve breakfast every Sunday morning from 9:00 A.M. to noon. The menu includes eggs, bacon or sausage at \$2.50, ham and cheese omelette at \$2.75, Southern and Southwestern omelette with the works at \$3.00, biscuits and gravy \$2.75, French toast \$2.25. Come on down for the best deal in Colorado Springs for breakfast.

We are going to start serving family night meals on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month. The first Friday night dinner will be February 12th. See article elsewhere for more details.

February 13th is the Sweetheart Party and Dance. See article for more details

The American Legion Birthday Party will be the 20th of March. The menu will be roast beef, salad, mixed vegetables, etc.

On April 10, we will have an Easter Parade which will give the ladies the opportunity to test their creative skills in making an Easter bonnet for the parade. A

prize will be awarded for the best bonnet (details later).

Initiation of new members for the Auxiliary will be March 18 and for The American Legion on April 15. All new members should mark their calendars for these nights.

Installation of officers will be in May. Next month's newsletter will give more details on this function. The annual steak fry and dance will be in June. More details later.

If you are aware of any additional events the club should or could be involved in, let us know.

FAMILY NIGHT

Since most families go out to eat on Friday night, we have decided to have an all-you-can-eat family meal night on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month. The first one will be Friday, February 12. The menu will be spaghetti, salad and garlic bread, etc. Dinner on the 26th will be a Taco Bar with salad, beans, etc. The price is only \$2.25 and we will serve from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Happy Hour is from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Come on out and try our special meals. If you like the idea, we can extend the dinners to every Friday night, with other favorite family meals.

SALON 422 - 8 ET 40

The February meeting of Salon 422, 8 et 40 will be on the 15th, 7:00 P.M. at Post 209. Dot Dassero and Barbara Johnson will hostess.

AUXILIARY NEWS

BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT

It was good to see you ladies at our last meeting.

Dot Dassero, Membership Chairman, reported we now have 70 members. There are still several members who have not renewed their membership. It is not too late for you to do so. Please send your check today.

There have been some changes at the Club. The Auxiliary has been asked to help with decorating for special events; also to help sell pull tabs in the Club for four hours on Saturday and Sunday. If you can help, please give me a call.

Mid-year Conference is January 29-30-31 at the Raintree Plaza in Longmont. Several of us will be attending. Everyone is invited. This Conference will help us check our progress so far this year. On February 11, we will have a sewing day at the Post. We will be making bibs and lap robes for Florence Nursing Home. Come help us; it is fun to get together to do something to help our veterans.

We are planning a joint (Auxiliary-Legion) Valentine Party on February 13, starting at 7:00 P.M. Admission will be a decorated Cake Box which can contain a cake, baked goods, cookies, etc. These boxes will be auctioned to the highest bidder. If you don't bring a "box," admission is \$1.00 per person. It should be fun - come join us.

Coming up in February:

February 3 - 7:00 P.M. Executive Meeting

February 5 - Past President Parley

luncheon at noon at Post 209
February 11 - 1:00 P.M. Sewing at the Post
February 18 - Regular Meeting - Dinner 6:00 P.M. Please bring salad or dessert. Meeting at 7:00.
March 18 - Initiation of new members

I hope to see you at some of these activities.

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

As Barbara reported, our membership stands at 70. We had hoped to be 100% by the Mid-Year Conference but unless a whole lot of you send your dues this week, we won't make it. Too bad! It would have been nice to be recognized by Department as a goal unit, plus we would enjoy your participation in our various activities and really need your help.

Many of you assist neighbors and friends whenever they need you and if they are veterans, we'd like a record of this kind of service for our community service and VA&R reports. Bring it to a meeting so we can report these hours and cost of service. It's important to our organization that these things be recorded and recognized.

THE PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY LUNCHEON

is one of the nice things about February. It will be held at the Post on Friday, February 5, 1993, 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. The luncheon is for Past Presidents who are now members of Centennial Unit. We will order from the club menu and each will pay her own cost.

- RUTH HORNIK - BARBARA JOHNSON

**LARRY JOHNSON,
JUDGE ADVOCATE**

As we begin the new year, it is time to share a few items which will be of interest. We have come a long way in the past twelve months. We established a building committee which came to the membership with a proposed plan for a new Post Home and it was approved by those present.

An attorney was selected to represent the Post in all its functions but, more specifically, towards building of our Post Home. We have instituted changes in Post operations and have taken steps to give us as complete a picture of our financial resources as we can.

The American Legion is no different than your family or business or the place you work. We have the same problems as any family does when it increases or decreases. we are overjoyed with new members and saddened when we lose one.

One of the biggest problems with our family is that we have over 400 members, from all walks of life, with different temperaments. We have many skills in our membership that we could make use of and in the past, some of our members have asked why they weren't called to help with a problem. Our problem is we don't know what your interests and skills are. We have grown so big and so fast we are busy trying to hold the family together. The thing we have going for us are the members who come forward and volunteer that they are willing to work.

We continually ask members to help others through our Children and Youth program, Boy Scouts, Boys State and Oratorical contests; to help our fellow family members through veterans' assistance,

vocational rehab and fundraising programs.

In each issue of the Newsletter, you read that we need help in raising money through our main fundraiser of Bingo or selling tickets on raffles to gain capital for the Post Home or being asked to provide ideas so we can improve our family.

Ask yourself this question, "Am I doing all that I could to help keep The American Legion Family together?"

**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN
FOSTER**

As Commander Bufkin stated, "Way to Go," on membership. We are at 443 members and our percentage is approximately 108. Colorado is now NUMBER TWO IN THE NATION! Naturally, Dept. Commander Ross would like to see us Number One. We need to keep on recruiting to help put Colorado in the top spot.






I was asked to provide recruiting results of our members. They are as follows: one each for Martin Davis, LeRoy DeBaca, Richard Fikani, Harlan Gatiss, Joshua Joiner, Al Lender, Larry North, Terry Sanger, Bob Stenberg, Ben Stutheit, Jim Trent, Robert Wibstad and Lee Wilson; Floyd Bufkin - Bob Morris 4, June Thomas - Ann Foster 15, Neal Thomas - Larry Johnson 3, Paige Lanier - 2, Harold Lasco - Jocko Marketto 8.

Five or more has already earned a "Care Bear" T-shirt. 25 earns Silver Brigade jackets.

My land legs are back after a very wonderful cruise to the Bahamas. They are right in calling Carnival Cruise lines "The Fun Ships." There is more than enough to do. Ask to see the book of pictures I put together.

February 1993

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

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14  Valentine's Day	15 President's Day 9:00am CRIPPLE CREEK TRIP 7:00pm 8 & 40 MTG	16	17	18  6:00pm GEN MTG AND LUNCHEON	19 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	20 9:00am WAC MEETING
21	22  Washington's Birthday	23 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG 7:30pm AMVETS MTG	24 Ash Wednesday	25	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO BAR \$ 2.25 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	27

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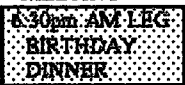

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The American Legion Membership Application

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Name of recruiter _____

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 U.S. Navy
 U.S. Air Force
 U.S. Marines
 U.S. Coast Guard

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

(Dues) _____

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(Mailing Address) _____ (Date) _____

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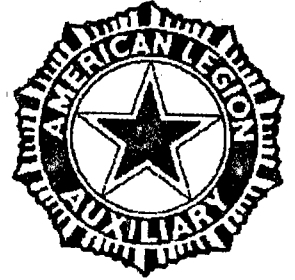
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COMMANDER FLOYD BUFKIN

The Holiday Season is over and I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Each year, American Legion Post 209 distributes baskets of food and toys at Christmas time. This season was a spectacular success. Your generosity exceeded all expectations. We joined with local Cub Scouts in distributing the baskets and everything was done very well. I thank all who were involved, all of you who made donations, the Auxiliary for assisting in putting the boxes together and the employees of the Club for their splendid support!!!

For the New Year, I resolve to do my best to see that all of the American Legion programs are supported as required. I also resolve to work hard with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in the effort to revise our Constitution and By-Laws. I resolve (with the assistance of the Judge Advocate, Larry Johnson) to finish setting up a computerized bookkeeping system for the Post and Club.

I hope that more of you resolve to become more active in the Post activities and the American Legion programs.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS

Ann Foster

I am writing this just before I go to visit relatives for the Holidays. I am very happy to report that we only need fifteen more members for our 100% goal. I am hopeful that many of you will have renewed by the time I return. When you receive the January newsletter, this issue will be the last one until you renew your 1993 membership!! I would like to thank our telephone committee for its hard work: Regina Bufkin, Millie Young, Al Cyriaque, Tom Haban, Marty Davis, Jim Shellhammer, Ross Jones, and Ed Mittage.

Our upcoming meetings are: Exec. Committee - January 6; General Membership - January 21; and Mid-Year Conference at Longmont - January 29-31.

You will be receiving a mailing on cancer care insurance this month from the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. If you have any questions, please call its customer service representative at 1-800-235-6943.

AUXILIARY NEWS

BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to the New Year with the hope it will be good for all of us.

I saw many new faces at the Post Christmas party. I would be so happy if you would attend our meetings and take an active part in Unit 209. We need new ideas and your opinions are appreciated.

My thanks to those of you who brought the luscious desserts and the tasty salads to the party.

There are still some members who have not renewed their membership. Send your check today so you can keep on benefiting from our great organization.

Coming up in January:

January 6 - 7:00 P.M., Executive Meeting
January 21 - 6:00 P.M. Potluck Dinner, 7:00 P.M. Meeting
January 29-30-31 - Mid-Year Conference, Raintree Inn, Longmont, Colo.

Come join us.

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

We are still asking members to send in their renewals. They have really trickled in so far and we have not been meeting the goals set for us by Department.

To those of you who have been bringing in new members, thank you; your pride is showing!

Let me add my thanks to Barbara's to those members who contributed to our Christmas party...in both food

and the bravery of those who came out on a cold, snowy and blustery Saturday to help decorate the Post for the Holidays.

Thanks also to the members of the Auxiliary who accompanied Florence Spiwak to the Florence Nursing Home to work at the Gift Shop. They helped to pack up for mailing some 118 packages at a postage cost of \$340.00. No other way could these hospitalized veterans remember their own families at Christmas time.

Florence is Department Representative for the Florence Nursing Home and is responsible for the birthday parties and gift shop. Ireana Campbell is her Deputy. They spend many hours buying items for the Gift Shop through donations made to Department from ours and other units throughout the state and our Auxiliary designates funds each year for birthday parties, as do other units in the area. It's a pleasure to assist in these efforts.

Thanks too to the members of the Auxiliary who helped pack up the boxes of food and toys which the Legion distributed to needy families. Many of you contributed to the boxes and we thank you too.

To those of you who assist the Legion at Bingo on Friday nights, we also owe our thanks. You give your time and devotion to the Legion and therein assist them with their programs.

Finally, let me thank the Auxiliary members who show up each month to address this Newsletter and get it ready for the mail. I know...you sit and have lunch and tell stories and have fun, but you're here when you're needed.

We soon will be sponsoring a girl for Girls State and look forward to Poppy Days in May. In between are other activities in which we could use help.

Please send in your renewal and come to the meetings to give us a hand.

CLUB CALENDAR - BOB MORRIS

December was a busy month in the Club, with seven parties booked during the Holiday Season, and our own successful Post party on the 12th, attended by 120 people who enjoyed a great meal and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Special thanks to all who participated in decorating of the Club on December 5th, especially Alice Cramer, who came in on several occasions to add additional Christmas trimmings. We received a lot of nice comments on our decorations so hats off to all who contributed.

A special reminder that we will be back on our regular Sunday breakfast schedule starting January 3rd, so if you haven't taken

advantage of our great Sunday breakfast, plan on doing so! We start serving at 9:00 through noon.

The Post will sponsor a Valentine Sweetheart Party on February 13th from 8:00 to 12:00 P.M. There will be a dance and entertainment. We will have finger food and a sweetheart cake will be served.

Finally, we have received notification from several of our food and liquor distributors that we will be seeing increases in our cost of goods starting January 1st. We will have to make some adjustments of our own but hopefully any increases will be minimal.

8&40 NEWS

The 8&40 held its annual Christmas Party at Post 209 on December 21. May Dillon was hostess and served a delicious dessert. Partners enjoyed the gift exchange and camaraderie of the evening.

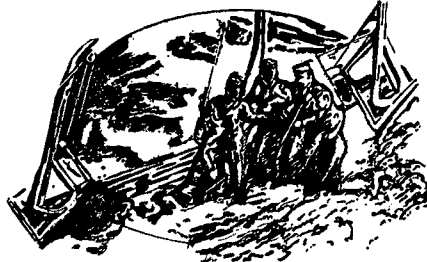
The Salon will meet again on January 18. Ireana Campbell and Florence Spiewak will hostess.



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