

CENTENNIAL POST 209



THE AMERICAN LEGION



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LEGION NEWS

Merry Christmas and that 1996 will be the best year of your life.

The new discount prescription program is saving our members a lot of money. You can save as much as 50% on generic drugs and 15-20 % on brand name drugs. Try it. If you have any questions, call me at 596-9261.

Post 209's entry in the Oratorical Contest will be the District's entry this year.

District 7's meetings will be January 7th, March 3rd and May 5th, all at 1:00 P.M., at Post 38.

The Fag Amendment did not pass through the Senate. We were five votes short. We need to educate those Senators voting no and we will try again.

There are several items of importance you should be aware of: information on insurance questions can be obtained by dialing 1-800-669-8477 between 6:30

A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Eastern time daily. House Veterans Affairs Panel voted to extend the VA's obligation to provide hospital care and medical service to Gulf War veterans with possible ailments resulting from service in the Gulf War.

The Fort Carson Pharmacy out-patient service is available from 0900 hours to 1700 hours daily, Monday through Friday. You may phone 10 days ahead for fast service.

Many veterans have not received disability benefits due to not understanding the rules. Any condition which was caused or aggravated while you were on active duty is considered to be service-connected, and a claim can be filed for benefits.

Social Security questions and request for service can be secured by calling 1-800-772-1213 daily. Also if you are on the internet on your computer, you can contact them at [Attp://www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

HARRY JOHNSON, COMMANDER

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DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
DAV Posr #26 Palmer Park & Peterson Rd.

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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

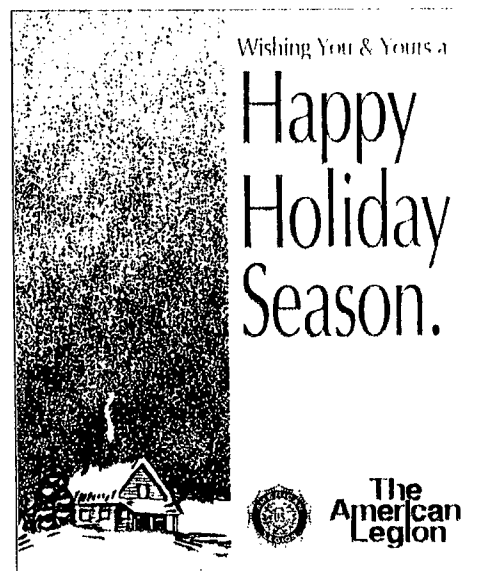
Please do your service officer a special favor and remember in your prayers the Miller family, Matthew who does not know when he will be able to come home, his wife Tammy and four children.

Remember also to add prayers for the soldiers stationed in Boania and their families.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and look forward to a brighter 1996.

Remember to contact those whom you brought into the Post to show you care.

HARRY MCFADDEN
SR. VICE COMMANDER
ACTING SERVICE OFFICER



Membership is now at 261, and that moves us up to 55% of our goal of 451. We are ten way from 60%. That is the good news! The bad news is we were supposed to have achieved 70% by 13 December. It would be just wonderful if we could get some new members to make up this deficit and press on towards our goal.

We do not get very many people at the Rampart Range Sertoma Gun Shows, but it is a good idea to do these as we are able to occasionally get new members and it puts us in the public eye. This creates awareness and may yield new members later because people will remember having seen us there. The next show will be 12-14 January. Please call me at 599-8624 if you can help out for a couple of hours during this time frame. Otherwise, I may call on some of you.

Our next General Meeting will be 18 January at the DAV Chapter 26, corner of Palmer Park Boulevard and Peterson Road, at 7:00 P.M. Come early (6:00 P.M.) for the potluck, and socialize.

The Department Mid-Year meeting will be 26-28 January at the Holiday Inn near I-25 and Garden of the Gods Road (formerly the Hilton Inn). This is right in our backyard so it should be easy to go. There will be some speakers from the National level so this will be an excellent opportunity to see, hear, and talk to these individuals. Put this on your calendar.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that you are looking forward to a Happy New Year.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER



AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Year!

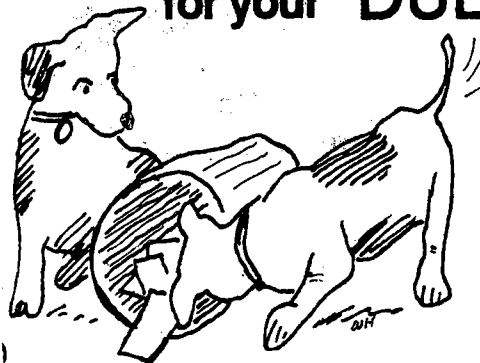
With the New Year beginning, we look forward to seeing you at our meetings starting on January 18. Plan to attend. We will be meeting at the DAV #26 starting with a potluck dinner at 6:00 P.M. Meeting at 7:00. Bring your favorite dish to share.

The Mid-year conference will be January 26-27 at the Holiday Inn, just off Garden of the Gods Road. Everyone is asked to attend to learn more about the Auxiliary. District 7 will be hosting a reception at Post 5 for our National President, Sybil Deshotel at 5:00 P.M. on January 26. Plan to attend as your support is needed.

If you have not paid your 1996 dues, now is the time. After December 31, you will be delinquent.



BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE
for your DUES



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CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3  7:00pm EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	4	5 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	6
7	8 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	9	10	11	12 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	13
14	15 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> 7:30pm 8/40 MTG POST 5	16	17	18  7:00pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	19 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 DEPT MID-YEAR CO SPGS 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	27 DEPT MID-YEAR CO SPGS
28 DEPT MID-YEAR CO SPGS	29	30	31			

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SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	3			
4	5	6	7  7:00pm EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	8	9 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING
11	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15  7:00pm GENERAL ME- MBERSHIP MEETING	16 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING
18	19 <i>President's Day</i> 7:30pm 8/40 MTG POST 5	20	21 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING
25	26	27	28	29	