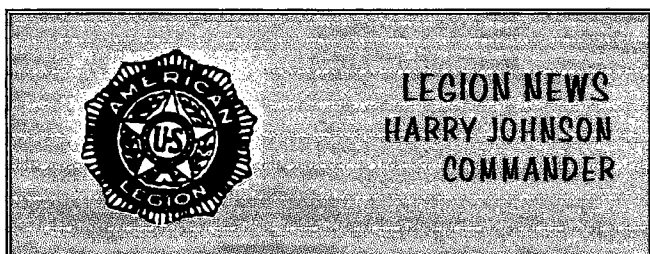


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JANUARY 1997



We held the annual Christmas Party on December 15th, and had several new members in attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The food was excellent. I hope that each of you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We are having a little trouble getting the bids on the new building. All the contractors seem to be so busy that they don't want to submit bid. We will keep trying and hope to get all the bids in the first part of next month.

The Oratorical contestant gave her speech at the Christmas party and we wish her luck. Her name is Rebecca Tate and she attends Liberty High School. Rebecca goes on now to District, hopefully Departmental level and possibly National. Oratorical contest winners compete for as high as \$18,000 in scholarships so we do wish Rebecca well.

Our next meeting will be January 16 at the DAV Building, Palmer Park and Peterson Road, at 7:00 P.M. I hope you read last month's article and agree and will attend this meeting.

Some important items of interest to Vets are:

1. VA will issue new I.D. cards to improve service to veterans for VA services.
2. Changes in the SGLI and VGLI insurance program and possible increases in death benefit.
3. Changes in the educational program for vets.
4. Changes in medicare and VA health benefits.
5. Tricare program goes into effect April 1, 1997.

If you have any questions regarding any of these, or would like more information, come to our meeting on January 16, and we will be happy to discuss it with you.



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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

WORLD WAR I
APR 6, 1917 - NOV 11, 1918
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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
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DUES \$15.00



AUXILIARY NEWS
BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! May 1997 be a good year for you and your family.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

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Our January 16 meeting will be at the Legion's business office. Hope you can make it. In case you haven't been at the office, directions are: going east on Austin Bluffs from Academy Boulevard, just past the Burger King are twin office buildings on the right; after turning into the area, the office is in the right hand building. Park and go down the wheelchair ramp. The office is the first on the left.

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

Membership is 272 at the time I write this. That is four away from 55%. Hopefully we will have that and be beyond after the new year starts. I need to remind everyone who has not renewed by the end of January, this will be your last newsletter! So, send in your dues by the 25th of January and we will keep you on the rolls.

Besides receiving the various Legion publications, you need to renew for two other very good reasons. When the new 105th Congress goes into session, we need to urge our elected representatives to support the Citizens Flag Alliance and The American Legion's GI Bill of Health. These two items are so very important to veterans who have sacrificed their lives for this country, and for those of us who remain behind. By renewing your membership, you add your voice to all of the other Legionnaires. That clout will go a long way towards getting these two items passed. We also encourage you to write your representative to say how important these items are to you.

Of course, we also need to remember that our dues support the many Legion programs which benefit veterans and their families. Especially important are the Children and Youth programs for the children are the future. These are just a few of the very valid reasons for renewing your membership in The American Legion.

I join the Commander in urging your attendance at our meetings. While we are used to living in a representative democracy, this is your Post, and your input is very valuable to those of us who are your elected representatives. We want to be able to consider your ideas and your feelings while we try to do what is best for Post 209.

I hope that you have all had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year!

ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

January 8 - Executive Meetings for Post and Auxiliary - 7:00 - at Post's office.

January 16 - Auxiliary Meeting at office of the Post - 1:00 P.M.

January 16 - General Membership Meeting for Post - 7:00 - DAV Post

January 24 - 25 - 26 - See last Department Newsletter for reservation forms. Mid-Year will be held at the University Park Holiday Inn in Fort Collins. You can make reservations directly to the hotel at (970) 482-2626. Our rate is \$66.50 single and \$76.50 double. The Joint Opening is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, presided over by Commander Jack Tarpey and President Elaine Ryan, and will end after the Memorial Service at 9:00 A.M. Sunday January 26, with a joint closing.

The Department Oratorical Contest is scheduled for Erie High School, Erie, Colorado, 2:00 P.M., March 9, 1997. At this writing, the date for the District contest is unavailable.

DON'T LET THAT
MEMBER GET AWAY.
ASK THEM!

