

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

January 1998

LEGION NEWS
HARRY MCFADDEN
COMMANDER

HAPPY NEW Year Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members! We now start a new year. We need your support to start a team effort of involvement of pulling together because just a few dedicated people cannot do all the work alone. We need to support our post with working bingo a few nights a year, coming to a membership meeting, as well as thinking of becoming a Post 209 officer.

My time as your post commander will be up in five months. I will pledge my support to whomever the next post commander will be.

We need your support in sending in your DD214 copy. If you have not done it yet. Hopefully, we will have over 80% accomplished soon.

On January 17, a Saturday, at 1300 hours, we start the Post Oratorical contest at the Nazarene Bible College, located on South Academy and Chapman Road. If you would like to be a part of this program, please phone 591-7606 and

leave a brief message after the last beep.

On December 20, our Jr Vice Commander and two Auxiliary members delivered to twelve families Cubs Food gift certificates, small Christmas trees, poinsettias, candy canes to 20 children and with the aid of Ft Carson Ironhorse Serterma some children's Christmas gifts.

Then that evening, we had our annual Centennial Christmas party. It was held at the Colorado Cafe. We surely had fun.

Now remember to write down on your '98 calendar that we have an Executive Meeting on January 7 and our regular membership meeting on January 15.

A thought to start the new year: "Knowing God makes us humble; knowing ourselves keeps us humble."



Happy January birthday to both the Post Commander and Auxiliary President.

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
SR VICE COMMANDER	FLOYD BUFKIN
JR VICE COMMANDER	FRANCIS REDINGTON
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	HARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	LARRY JOHNSON
SGT AT ARMS	NORM HARPOLE
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

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, 1956
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

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	RUTH HORNIK
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	JUDITH MCFADDEN
SGT AT ARMS	MARCIA SHELHAMMER

DUES \$15.00

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS

- ANN FOSTER-

MEETINGS

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

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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and that you are looking forward to the New Year. Membership is coming right along. We are now at 260 for 80% of our goal of 316. With eight more we can be at 85% and 56 more will give us our goal 100%. This is very easily done if those who have not yet renewed will send their dues right on in. Perhaps your best incentive might be that this will be your last newsletter until we receive your dues if they are not in by the end of this month. Your American legion magazine and Colorado Legionnaire will stop as well unless we can get those dues in so please take care of this now.

There is one other thing that all members need to do when they receive their card. Look it over to be sure it is correct. Take note of the year paid on top and

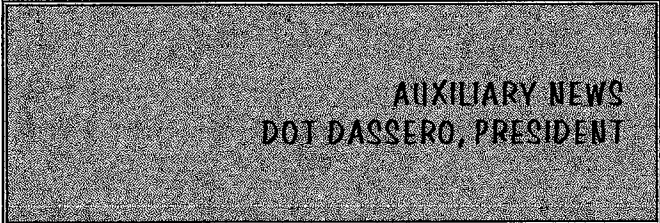
before the next round of renewal notices is sent out. Some of you are not looking at your card to see if you might have paid and you are sending in another check. That means that we have to return it with note about why we sending it back. Please make it a point to double check your card. It will save you and us a lot of extra paperwork. Thanks for your attention.

Elsewhere is a list of all who have sent in the DD214 form, or whatever it was called when you were discharged, showing your periods of service. We really appreciate your help with this project necessitated by our need to be able to prove to the IRS that our members are eligible for The American Legion by virtue of having served at least one day of active duty during the periods of conflict listed on the membership form. If you need us to copy the form and send it back to you, we will be happy to do that.

Some of you have expressed concern about who will have access to this document. Our policy regarding it and anything else which we have on file for your membership is that no one sees or is given information from your files unless they have a need to know. After spending 20 years in Personnel in the US Air force, I am sensitive to the privacy of information to which all are entitled. That pretty much includes a lot of people, except for the IRS and Legionnaires conducting business in your behalf. I hope this answers that concern.

The Mid-Year Conference for the Department of Colorado will be 30

and 31 January and 1 February at the Holiday Inn at Estes Park. This is an excellent opportunity to expand your knowledge of The American Legion as some informational workshops are scheduled for just that purpose.



Memberships are still coming in and I'm sure Treasurer Barbara will be glad to get yours...if you haven't already sent it. Now that the holidays are about over, finish up your year's business by getting this done.

It is very cold in this office and I, like so many of you, am just recovering from the flu, therefore am hurrying to finish the newsletter and go home where it is warm. It will be wonderful when we can have a Post Home where temperatures can be regulated and we can plan parties and meetings.

We would certainly like to see more of you attending our general meetings. I know some of you don't drive at night but...isn't there a friend who drives and is eligible for membership? Bring her to a meeting...we would welcome a new member. Is there a neighbor who is eligible. What about a family member who might be eligible for The American Legion? I'm sure Post 209 could use another member.

Perhaps we'll see you at our January general meeting?????

THOSE WITH PROOF OF SERVICE ON FILE:

Judith A Anderson
Audrey Arseneau
Douglas Ballard
Paul Bankes Jr
Harley Beckstrand
Walter Boring
Dr Clotilde Bowen
Keith Carter
Pierre Charbonnet
Dale Christ
Martin Davis
William Dockery Jr
Harold Fricke
Randy Gulley
Troy Hanson
Norman Harpole
William Hayman
Robert Hinshaw
Harold Holmes
Howard Hornik
Robert Hudson
James Hulterstrom
Albert Hurley
John Kneur
Francis Landry
Herman Lauck Sr
Wallace Lonsinger
John Mapstone
William McClinton
Harry McFadden
Therese Miller
Ben Miller
Edgar Mills
William Mook
Norman Moyer
James Mundt
Bart Obra
Robert Patterson
George Patterson
Donald Paulus
Waldo Pendleton
William Pifer
Clarence Porter III

Lloyd Rowe
Robert Rydell
Tiofilo Sandoval
Eleanor Shepperdson
William Smith
Joseph Smith
Donald Stovall
June Thomas
Ross Vigil
William Weeks
Cosmas Westrich
David White
Lee Wilson Roy Wytzka
Charles Zeitvogel

Many thanks to all of the above listed members who sent in their Proof of Service as requested. As you can probably see we still need to receive your DD Form 214 or whatever it was called when you were discharged as long as it lists the dates, etc. of your service, if your name is not on this list! Please check this list and send us a copy of your discharge paperwork soon. The list above is only 58 of our members, so we have a long way to go in order to have at least 75% of our members with this proof in their files. This is the only way we may preclude problems with the IRS regarding the status of our membership. Your help with this project is greatly appreciated!