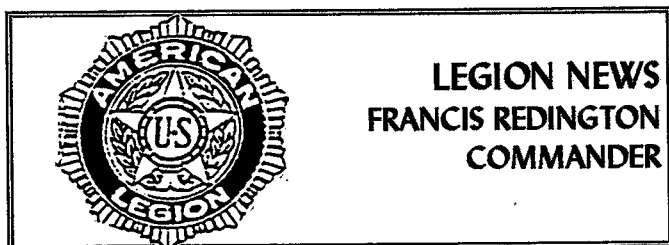


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JANUARY 2001



It seems it was only a few days ago WE ushered in the year 2000. Now 2001 is just around the corner. WE accomplished many good things this past year. OUR property has been cleaned with many man-hours and expenditure of about \$1,500. But constant expenditures and no income to replace it will be detrimental to the operation of the Post and its many programs.

We hope everyone had a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON and are ready to face the CHALLENGES OF THE NEW YEAR. WE must be ever mindful of homeless Veterans and families who need assistance. This is our main objective, plus being involved in community programs, Scouts, schools, Stand downs and the Americanism programs (Oratorical, Boys State, Baseball and Junior Shooting Sports). In the December 2000 American Legion Magazine there is an article about this year's National Junior Shooting Sports Champions. That article is just one of many that tells the

LEGION story every month. It is what WE are.

The New Year 2001 is upon US. WE have made positive progress with OUR property and are making progress toward getting OUR bingo game back. Much of OUR ability to hold Bingo will be dependent upon how many members WE can depend on to assist US. The reason WE surrendered OUR raffle license was due to many clerical errors created by a shortage of workers. Three or four people were trying to keep the paperwork in an orderly fashion, an almost impossible task due to lack of knowledge about the many forms we are required to have available for inspectors from the Secretary of State's office. Four or five workers cannot properly conduct the game. Therefore, if we can get about 30 people on a rotating basis to assist, a member would only be required to assist at one bingo session each month. It takes between 4 and 5 hours per event. Without bingo, WE will have to find another source of revenue, as what WE have now will not last forever. So please consider the mailing about support for bingo carefully as it is a major way to raise funds for OUR Post projects. PLEASE help US to start off the New Year on a positive note.

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FRANCIS REDINGTON
SR VICE COMMANDE	CHUCK ZEITVOGEL
JR VICE COMMANDER	NORM MOYER
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	AL CYRIAQUE
HISTORIAN	GREG ANDRIES
SGT-AT-ARMS	ROBERT RYDELL
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	LARRY JOHNSON
SERVICE OFFICER	TOM MORANT

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
JUNE 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24 1982 - JUL 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 - UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
SECRETARY	PAT ANDRIES
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
NORMAN J. MOYER

AUXILIARY MEETING THE THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH
AT THE POST'S OFFICE ON AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY
1:30 P.M.

MEETINGS
3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
VFW PST #4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

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Centennial Post 209 Christmas Party on Saturday evening, December 9 was a success with 35+ members, Auxiliary and guests. The turnout was enthusiastic with excellent food catered by Pure-Delight Fine Catering.

Saturday, March 10, 2001, is a special event. CENTENNIAL POST 209's TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND THE AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY. An invitation has been extended to the Colorado Department Commander and/or guest speaker. This is an important event for the Post. Please plan to attend. Post 209 Executive Committee has proposed a pay-as-you-go for all members due to the lack of bingo income during the last six months. Cost will be minimal. More details forthcoming in future 2001 newsletters.

As I mentioned in the December newsletter, the BINGO WORK COMMITTEE is seeking your interest

in participating as a player and/or worker in a "SMOKE-FREE BINGO" environment. Several former Bingo participants have suggested this game idea. Would you be able/available to work bingo once we start up again? ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A SMOKE-FREE BINGO? WHAT NIGHTS WOULD YOU BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE POST? PLEASE CALL ME AT 332-3701 OR 392-3725.

**SERVICE OFFICER'S CORNER
TOM MORANT**

FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE COME INTO THE ORGANIZATION, this is a special invitation for you to come to your first meeting and meet the other members of our Post. In this New Year, I will need all the help I can get to do a proper job as Service Officer. If you know of anyone who has passed away, is sick, or in need of help, please call me at 719-570-1716, Chaplain Howard Hornik at 719-596-6345, or Commander Francis Redington 719-471-3925.

**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER**

We have 234 members for the year 2001. We need nine more for 90% and 36 more for 100%. Please try very hard to get your dues in before the end of December. I know we can do this!

If you have not renewed by the end of January 2001, we will need to remove you from the newsletter mailing list. You can always be reinstated when your dues are paid. Help us to keep you

informed of upcoming events by remaining current with your dues.

Please remember the Mid-Year Conference will be in Longmont at the Raintree Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, January 26 - 28, 2001. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the VA as Commander Jeff Luginbuel will be focusing on, "Putting Veterans First," by having many VA representatives there.

The American Legion Birthday Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 20. This will be a special evening honoring the 25th anniversary for The American Legion Centennial Post 209. Guest speakers have been asked to attend. More information will be forthcoming in a future 2001 newsletter.

In conjunction with the Bingo work committee, the Sr and Jr Vice Commanders have made visitations to other nonprofit organizations' bingo operations to see comparisons in procedures and controls being utilized.



**AUXILIARY NEWS
DOT BASSERO
PRESIDENT**

Several members have not as yet paid dues and/or Past President dues. Please get these in to Treasurer Barbara. We did enjoy the Christmas Party and look forward to the next events. It was nice to see several of our members at the party who have been under the weather and some others who no longer attend meetings. But, ladies, they are at the Post's office, at 1:30 in the afternoon. We'd like to see more of you.