

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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January 2006 – NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday January 14, 2006

TREA, Breakfast 9 AM, Membership Meeting 10 AM
**Guest Speaker: Jan Ingram, CSA, Bankers Life &
Casualty**

Officers' Comments

COMMANDER – Bill Marshall

Guest Speaker

Our speaker, Jan Ingram, is a Certified Senior Advisor and will focus on the need for Long Term Care protection, what it is, who needs it, and what to look for in a policy including common definitions and benefit triggers. Also included will be information on Medicare and funding options, including Medicaid, Life Insurance Riders and Reverse Mortgages. Join us for a good breakfast and an informative presentation.

Midyear Conference

This year's conference is scheduled for January 27-29, at The Park Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, off Garden of the Gods Road. The featured speaker for Saturday morning is Maj. Gen. Mixon, Commanding General, Fort Carson; also speaking will be Latoya Lucas, Post 209 and the first Ft. Carson women to receive the Purple Heart. We will host 12 soldiers from Fort Carson for lunch and they will sit at each of the tables. For the banquet on Saturday evening we will host 15 soldiers and their families. The guest speaker is pending at this time, however, we are hoping to have the National Commander's son, a helicopter pilot who just returned from a tour in Iraq and currently stationed at Ft. Bragg.

SR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler

Post 209 would like to extend a request for all our WW II veterans to attend our next General Meeting on January 14th. We hope to sign you up with an application from the Non Commissioned Officers Association. The NCOA will honor all WW II veterans with a medallion and legacy presentation. Once we get the applications filled out and submitted they will be forwarded to the NCOA, who will in turn process them and make arrangements for

presentations. Please try to attend the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please let us know if you are interested in receiving this honor and we will make arrangements to get an application to you.

ADJUTANT – Ann Foster

Membership

We have slowed down some in our renewals, but we are now at 240, or 73.6%. In addition, we have received a number of transfers and hope to add more by February.

Cub Pack 24

The Pack has been on winter break and will not be meeting again until 11 January. In the meantime, the boys have been busy earning their awards for various activities in their books. We have two important events coming up. First, the Pinewood Derby will be 25 January at Washington Elementary School where we meet, and we could really use some volunteer judges. Some of you former scouts would be excellent for this. Please leave me a message at the Post, 599-8624, if you could help us out that evening from about 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Second, we will have our Blue & Gold Potluck dinner on 15 February at the same location from about 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you would like to come, we would love to have you share this annual event with the Pack. It is always a lot of fun! Again, please call us at the Post, so we will have a proper count for the food. For those who have been contemplating helping with the Pack, you may want to come see the table exhibit on Boy Scouting that will be at the Midyear Conference right here in Colorado Springs at the Park Plaza Hotel the night of 27 January. Our Americanism Chair for the Department, Jim Gates, should be there to answer questions.

CHAPLAIN – Mario Teracena

In Memory

We salute those fellow veterans and legionnaires who have recently departed this earthly life. They served our country well. Their valor, love and honor shall never be forgotten.

COOPER O HART. Aug. 18, 1923 – Dec. 20, 2005 Cooper served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a Petty Officer 1st class and reenlisted during the Korean Conflict. He was buried in his home state of Texas and is survived by his wife.

We ask your support and prayers for Ilse Hoggenmiller for her continuing recovery. Your prayers will also be appreciated in behalf of Thomas Morant, Jr., who is suffering from cancer; Tom Jr. is the son of Tom Morant, our Post Service Officer. May the Lord bless them.

The Dual Nature of Man

Man has a natural physical body and a spiritual body. Jesus Christ said: "I came from the Father and I came into the world: again I leave the world and go to the Father." (John 16:28)

The spirit animates a body of flesh and bones. Too few recognize that the real man is an immortal sprit and will continue after the body ceases to respond to its earthly environment.

Now, the question that comes to mind is: what will give the more abundant life – pampering our physical nature or developing our spiritual selves?

Indulgence in desires of the physical man satisfy but for the moment and may lead to unhappiness and misery. Spiritual achievements, on the other hand, give us joy, love, peace and goodness. Our earthly existence is but a test as to whether we will concentrate our efforts, our minds, and our souls on things that contribute to the gratification of our physical nature, or whether we will make our life's pursuit the acquisition of spiritual qualities. In the epistle to the Galatians, Paul specifically enumerates the “works of the flesh” and the “fruits of the spirit.”

As we start the New Year making resolutions, let us meditate about making choices that will help us in moral and spiritual enjoyments.

Happy New Year

Programs Supported by Post 209

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| -Service to Veterans | -Pikes Peak Veterans Council |
| -Veterans Day Parade | -Scouting |
| -Boy's State | -Jr. ROTC |
| -Crawford House for Homeless Veterans | -Jr. Shooting Program |
| - Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans | -Oratorical Contest |

Coming Events

- Jan 1----News Years Day
- Jan 5----Executive Comm. Meeting
- Jan 13----Beware Friday The 13th
- Jan 14----Membership Meeting get over yesterday
- Jan 16----Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 25----Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
- Jan 27-29----Midyear Conference

2005-2006 Ad Hoc Committees

- Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510
- Property Inventory
 - Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624
 - Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344
- Auxiliary Liaison – Bill Marshall, 719-495-0088
- Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

2005-2006 Board of Trustees

Chairman – Neal Thomas
 Secretary – Alton Cyriaque
 Finance Officer – Norm Moyer
 Commander – Bill Marshall
 Member (3yr) – Alton Cyriaque
 Member (3yr) – Chuck Zeitvogel
 Member (2yr) – Ann Foster
 Member (1yr) – Neal Thomas
 Member (1yr) – Larry Johnson

2005-2006 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st
 Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin
 Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the
 month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.
 104 immediately following Post Executive
 Committee Meeting.

2005-2006 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee	
Commander	Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander	W. W. Bandler
Jr. Vice Commander	Open
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Curtis Wash
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Ex. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
2005-2006 Auxiliary Unit	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Open
Sergeant-at-Arms	Open

Calendar

January 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 News Years Day	2	3	4	5 EC Mtg.	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 BEWARE	14 Post meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Pinewood Derby	26	27 Midyear Conf.	28 Midyear Conf.
29 Midyear Conf.	30	31				

THINK VALENTINE'S DAY