



# Centennial 209 Newsletter

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From the Commander  
Charles Zeitvogel

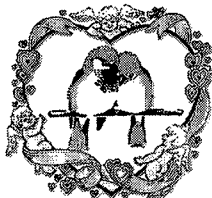
**SUCCESS** It's said that 90 % of success is showing up! Post 209 has been showing up this past six months, participating in over 30 different activities. This is a good sign of a successful Post. Every member has special interest and talents. Many have been involved in the 30 plus activities addressed at the January Post Executive Meeting. My congratulations to all our members that have and continue to support this Post in service to fellow members and to our greater community. Come to our monthly General Membership meetings on the third Thursday and learn more about what the post is doing.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** There is easy money to be made by attending monthly membership meetings. How? The drawings started in January for \$25.00 and will go to a member who has his/her name drawn and who is in attendance. Every member in attendance has a chance of winning. If the person whose name is drawn is not in attendance then \$5.00 is added to the drawing for the next month. Be there when your name is drawn. **William Jacobs'** name was drawn at the January meeting. Congratulations to William Jacobs, however William was not present at the Meeting so \$5.00 will be added to the pot for February. Who will be the winner of \$30.00 at the February meeting? It could be you if you are there.

**NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS** Elections for Post 209 officers are being scheduled. A nomination committee chaired by Past Post Commander, Francis Redington, with members Tom Morant, Service Officer, and Robert Rydell, Sgt. at Arms, is open to suggestions from the membership as to who you would like to service the Post as officers this next year. Please contact one of these men on the nomination committee with your suggestions. The committee is particularly interested in hearing from members with computer and finance skills willing to serve this Post.

What made America great? Answer: People doing their best. What makes Post 209 great? Members doing their best to serve fellow members and the community they live in!!

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS** Al Cyriaque was recently recognized as "The best Employee in his Section for the year 2001.



**"Remember your significant other"**  
**14 February 2002**

#### Post 209 Officers

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Senior Vice Commander	Larry Johnson
Junior Vice Commander	Norm Moyer
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Greg Andries
Historian	Harry Mc Fadden
Sgt-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Alton Cyriaque
Service Officer	Thomas Morant
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas

Dues \$ 30.00

#### Auxiliary Officers

President	Dorothy Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sgt-at-Arms	Ruth Hornik

Dues \$ 15.00

#### Meetings

Post Executive Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday –  
6:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104.

Post General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051,  
430 East Pikes Peak Avenue.

Auxiliary General Membership Meeting  
1:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104.

#### Board of Trustees

Chairman	Neal Thomas
Secretary	Alton Cyriaque
Member	Greg Andries
Member	Chuck Zeitvogel
Member	Francis Redington
Member	Harry Mc Fadden
Member	Alton Cyriaque
Member	Larry Johnson

Meets on the 1st Thursday after Executive  
Committee Meeting

#### Membership Eligibility

World War I  
April 6, 1917 – 11 November 1918

World War II  
December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

Korean War  
June 25, 1960 – January 31, 1956

Vietnam War  
December 22, 1961 – May 7, 1975

Grenada & Lebanon  
August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1990

Persian Gulf  
August 2, 1990 – Until the end of Hostilities as  
set by Congress



#### Sick Call

Dot Dassero – The last that was heard is that she's  
slowly getting better. Keep up the work DOT we  
need you back.

Alice Hart– Isn't feeling all that spry these days but  
is doing pretty good. All who know Alice, send her a  
card to cheer her up a little.

Lyle Dickison is recovering from back surgery. Get  
better soon, Lyle.

If you are sick or if you know of someone who is  
under the weather or in the hospital, please give  
a call to Howard Hornik at 719-596-6345.  
Information needs to be in the editor's hands by  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month for inclusion in the  
newsletter.



# Calendar Of Events



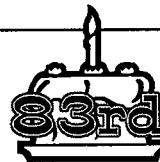
*From the Historian  
Harry Mc Fadden*

- 7 Feb Post Executive Committee  
6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees  
Meeting Follows
- 14 Feb Valentines Day – Don't forget  
that loved one.
- 21 Feb General Membership Meeting  
7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051,  
430 E. Pikes Peak Ave
- 7 Mar Post Executive Committee  
6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees  
Meeting Follows
- 14 Mar General Membership Meeting  
7:00 P.M. VFW Post 4051,  
430 E. Pikes Peak Ave
- 16 Mar American Legion Birthday  
Dinner. More information to  
follow
- 21 Mar General Membership Meeting  
7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051,  
430 E. Pikes Peak Ave
- District 7 Visitation
- 4 Apr Post Executive Committee  
6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees  
Meeting Follows
- 14 Apr District 7 Ball, American  
Legion Post 38, Security
- 18 Apr General Membership Meeting  
7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051,  
430 E. Pikes Peak Ave
- Election of New Officers

The Historical Book for the year 2001-2002 was passed around at the last Executive Committee meeting that is being held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.

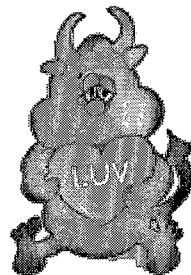
The Historical Book serves as a record of what happened over the year. This book indicates the successes as well as the disappointments in regards to the goals of the Post. It is also a sort of guide for Officers of the Post who step up to lead the Post in the future. They can see what worked and what didn't. Sometimes, it is fun to go through the various history books to remember those who we knew but have passed to the Post Everlasting .

If you have taken pictures of events that involved you and other members of the Post, I would enjoy getting them from you. The only thing that I ask is that you annotate what the picture is about, who the people are and who took the picture so we can add it to the history book.



**The American Legion  
Birthday Celebration**

Our next Social Activity will be held on 16 March 2002 at American Legion Post 5, 15 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs (Please see flyer)





*From the Chaplain  
Howard Hornik*

Salute

God saw you on the Battlefield  
Fighting valiantly.

God saw you bravely carry your wounded  
buddy to safety.

God knows you didn't want to pull the trigger.  
You were doing your job.

God knows about the tears you were too  
scared to cry.

God knows you served proudly and for that  
God salutes you.

I REMEMBER

I remember the battles you fought.

I remember every tear you cried.

I remember every fearful tremble.

I remember you being brave when you wanted  
to be scared.

I remember every letter you wrote in your mind  
that you never were able to put on paper.

I remember the inner battles you fought while  
fighting the outer battles.

My Child, My Veterans ~

I remember because you not only fought for  
your country ~ you were fighting for me.

I remember .....you

I Love you  
God

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving  
the Lord, not men, because you know that the  
Lord will reward everyone for whatever good  
he does, whether slave or free.  
Ephesians 6: 7-8

Taken from the Internet.



Adjutant Annotations  
by Ann Foster

At the time I am writing this we only need four more members to reach our goal of 271 for the year 2002. I sincerely hope that by the time you receive this newsletter we will have not only met our goal, but exceeded it. I am particularly hopeful that we will have at least met our goal by 25 January, so that we have announced at that at the Department Mid-Year Conference.

Next month we will share news about the Conference, but I am hopeful that many of you will have attended the Conference to learn for yourself from the programs presented.

At this month's General Membership our speaker was Sgt. Stephen J. Cornish, a Marine recruiter. I am sure others will comment of his presentation, but I want to add my impressions here. We really learned a lot about is how much has and has not changed about the military since the time we served. Sgt. Cornish taught us that we have much to be proud of by those who have served, who are serving, and those who will serve. He did an excellent job of bringing us up to speed about what young people interested in joining the Marines today can expect should they select to serve.

At the same time we were able to educate him a bit about The American Legion and I am happy to report that he is now a member of our Post. What is important about this is not just what it does for us, but what we can do for him. Sgt. Cornish now has a voice about issues of concern as a military member through his membership in The American Legion. He can rest assured that help is close by should the need arise. We can now better support him in his current job as a recruiter. These are just some examples of the benefits of membership for Sgt. Cornish and all others who join the largest veteran's service organization. Let us hope that we can continue to serve our active military members and our fellow veterans in memory of those who gone before us.





**Senior Vice Commander  
Larry Johnson**

Have you every wondered how we find new members for the American Legion? Do you know what programs are available to help assist in our endeavor to gain membership every year?

The best way of gaining membership starts in our homes. By this I mean, look to your son or daughter, your grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Did they go into military service? Are they in active duty right now? If so, they are eligible to belong to The American Legion. Sign them up in our Post. No matter where they are their membership card is recognized in all of approximately 16,000 Posts worldwide. Do you work in a workplace where there are some who have served in the military during a time of conflict (see page two of this newsletter)? Have you ever asked them to join, after all you are in contact with them daily and, in some instances, socialize with them after work.

The National Organization of The American Legion helps by providing members and information for our use.

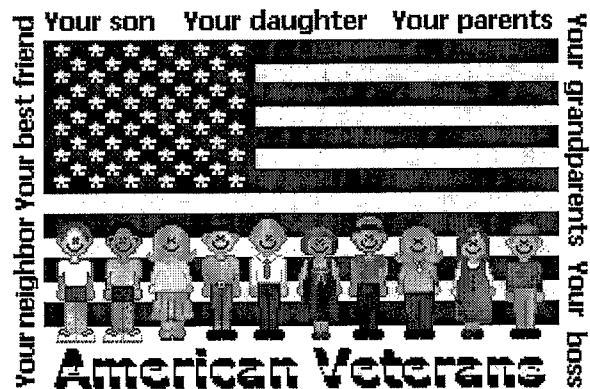
The first program is called Direct Mail Solicitation. This is where National buys mailing lists and in turn, sends out letter requesting you to join if you are a veteran. After you have mailed in your membership application, it is mailed to the Department or State Organization. You are provided a card and your name is provided to the Post nearest to you.

The second program is also from National and it is called Project Stay Alive. This program is actually done by The American Legion Magazine. When you move from one place to another whether it is within the same city that you live in or you move across the nation and you mail in your new address, your name and address is provided to the Post closest to you.

We also can use the membership rosters from previous years to contact past members to see if they would like to rejoin The American Legion Family.

As you can see there are a variety of ways that we can gain membership, but the one thing that is constant is that it takes Legionnaires like yourself to talk with the veterans and to bring them into The American Legion and your Post.

One important thing to remember when talking to potential members "WOMEN ARE VETERANS TOO" and they are more than eligible to be a member of The American Legion and our Post.



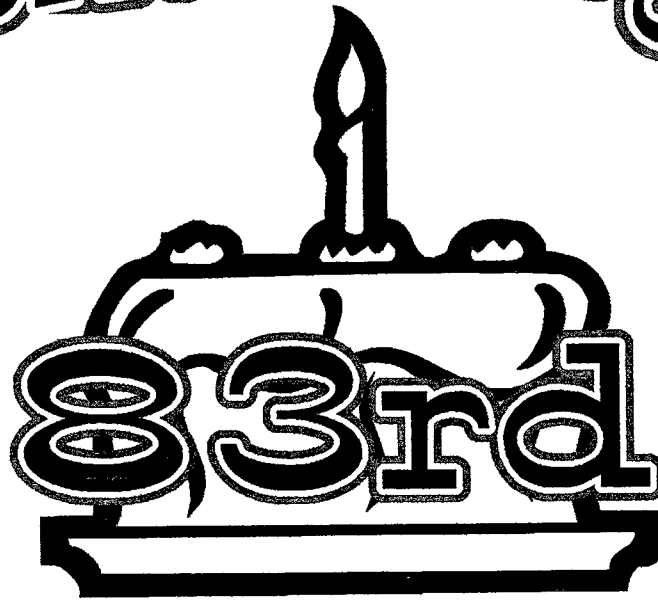
## Bingo Activities

Calling all Legion members for Bingo.

Everyone has commitments to family, jobs, and other organizations but all we are asking is 2 - 3 hours a month. We need either volunteers for bingo or your support of YOUR Legion by coming to the Bingo Depot to play bingo on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For the next 6-8 weeks we are raffling dinners and appetizers that were donated by eating establishments in Colorado Springs. Please come and support YOUR Legion in whatever capacity you can. If you can volunteer please call Greg at 636-3346 and leave a message.



# American Legion's



When: Saturday, 16 March 2002,  
Social Time: 6:30 P.M., Dinner 7:00 P.M.  
Initiation of New Members  
Recognition of Legionnaires

MENU: Roast Beef and ham, potatoes, veggies, salad,  
and dessert

COST: \$ 7.00 per person

Please call Larry Johnson at 719-622-0344 by 13 March  
and let him know how many will be in your party

# Birthday