



# THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209

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## February 2004 - Newsletter

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### From Commander - Chuck Zeitvogel

#### Nomination Committee Appointed

Legionnaires Neal Thomas as Chairman, with Tom Morant and Robert Rydell were appointed to the Nomination Committee to select candidates for officer positions for our Legion year 2004-2005. Voting for candidates is to take place at our April 2004 General Membership meeting. Please send your nomination suggestions to the Nominations Committee. Call the office 719, 599-8624 and leave a message with your nominations for the Committee to consider.

#### Fund Raising Effort –Your Support Needed!

We asked in previous newsletters for one or more members to step forward and lead fund-raising efforts for your Post 209. No one has answered that call as of this date.

On average, approximately \$1,200.00 per month is spent for on going Post 209 office and American Legion programs expenses. We are drawing down our savings to pay these expenses. The need to generate income is necessary and real.

Yes, we certainly understand that many members find it difficult to get out for one reason or another, and others are pressed for time to work in fund raising activities. Regardless, the need for income won't go away.

There is a way to get around this dilemma, but it will need the full support of all members.

The proposal is for all members who have the means to donate \$10.00/month or \$120.00/year to your Post 209. Post 209 is a 501c(19) organization for tax purposes and donations are deductible on your tax returns.

Please understand that I am not giving tax advice. Check with your attorney or tax advisor for tax advice. Think about it, if members donated \$10.00/month or \$120.00/year to Post 209, it will help solve the need for other fund raising activities and asking members constantly to give of their time and for them to work in other fund raising efforts. In recognition for those that give, an appropriate certificate will be designed and presented to

members that donate and support this new effort to raise funds.

Your Executive Committee needs to hear from you and to learn from you as to how you perceive this proposal.

Please contact them, call the office 719-599-8624, write-a-letter or send your check made out to The American Legion Post 209. Once again, the Executive Committee needs to hear from you. Do contact them on this proposal.

Meanwhile, thank you for your on going support and membership in The American Legion. Much can be accomplished by working together.

#### Membership Meetings

A change in location and time for our general membership meetings is proposed for February.

We propose having the February General Membership meeting in the TREA Auxiliary Room, **Saturday, February 21, at 10 a.m.** Members need to come to this meeting.

Tentative arrangements have been made to have future membership meeting at The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) Chapter 1 Auxiliary Room on different Saturdays for the next (6) months.

However, this depends on how many of you, our members show up for the February meeting.

Come early, meet casually in the TREA Dining Room and have breakfast. The Dining Room opens at 8 a.m. Saturdays for breakfast. After breakfast come to the Auxiliary Room for the meeting that will start at 10 a.m.

***TREA is located at 834 East Emory Circle, Colorado Springs.***

This change in meeting location and time is proposed because getting a quorum of 10% of our membership out for meetings on the third Thursday of the month has not worked in the past. For the most part only the officers and a few other members have been attending. That's not good enough. We need at least 28 to 30 members attending.

Call the office if you have questions. Come to this meeting. You are important and Post 209 need you!

### **Department Mid Year Conference**

The Colorado Department Mid-Year Conference took place in Grand Junction, CO, January 23-26, 2004.

Post 209 Legionnaires Ann Foster, Larry Johnson, Bill Marshall and Neal Thomas, attended. Read a summary of what took place in The American Legion Observer magazine.

### **From Chaplain - Howard Hornick**

Reported Sick: *Howard Hornick*

Passed: None Reported

### **A Meditation**

"Honor cannot be defined satisfactorily because it is a belief that is intangible; one that exists in the minds of men.

An honorable man must be one who believes in strict conformity to that which is right; one who shrinks from any thought of acting other than in a straightforward manner in which no attempt is made or intended to deceive; and one who will uphold his convictions above all other considerations."

Bugle Notes, 1954

### **From Service Officer – Tom Morant** **Remembering:**

Past Commander Francis Redington, as we all know, went to see the Lord on December 15, 2003. I know that he would want us to keep on with his work, and we will do the best we can. Thank you Francis for the work you did. You will be missed.

### **About the Lot & Post Home:**

I want to say this to the members and the Auxiliary. As you all know we have this land and we have asked you to come to the meetings we have, so we can learn your thoughts as to what to do with the lot and plan for a Post Home.

One thing is that some members and some in the Auxiliary are saying is that they don't care if we have a Post home or not. Regardless, a Post Home would be a great asset to us all

We need all the help we can get and that's where the members and the auxiliary come in. As a matter of information, we are spending our savings to meet on going expenses. We need to reverse that trend and raise money, so we can build a Post Home on our land. That won't happen unless members come to the meetings and sit down and discuss what they

want to do to with our land and the building of a Post Home.

We don't want to lose that land and not get a Post Home. Should that happen it's not because we didn't try and develop it. It will be because we didn't have the help.

Now, I want to leave you with this thought:

"It's all right to say, I love you to someone everyday. To obey our Lord's commandments in a real and vital way. The world is filled with sorrows that sometimes touches us all and to know that we are Loved, Lifts us when we fall."

### **From Historian – W.W. Bandler**

Items are needed for Post 209's history. American Legion & Auxiliary members participating in activities and events can submit pictures and comments for inclusion in this year's history to me. Please send them to Post 209's office, attention W.W. Bandler, Historian. Thanks.

### **From Finance Officer (Position Open)**

From Commander – Zeitvogel. My continued appreciation and thanks to Legionnaire Gideon Diamon for posting financial data to our Quick Books program in 2003.

Mr. Jim Hurd & Associates completed preparation of the Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, for our Legion year 2002. This report has been sent to the Internal Revenue Service.

Financial data available for review in Post 209's office.

### **From Adjutant - Ann Foster**

The Commander's comments re fund raising apply to more than paying the monthly bills. We do not get to keep enough of your dues at this level to pay for the minimum needs.

However, the more who do pay to belong to the Post their dues go towards easing the burden.

Additionally, if those who are able to give \$10.00 a month or \$120.00 a year, towards our monthly bills we would then be able to manage until we are able to get a Post home.

You may ask how we will raise money after that time and we have an answer that should be good for all of us. When we are able to get a Post home, we will be able to rent the hall portion to those who still call us looking for a place to have a wedding reception, an office party, a group business meeting,

etc. This will put income back into our coffers, but without the effort of previous fund raising events. We are well aware that many of our current members are not able to do some of the things we have done before for providing the monies we should have for Legion programs. But, we can overcome that by having a Post home with a hall that we can rent out.

Thus, I ask you, along with the Commander, to seriously consider responding to the suggestion to contribute some extra amount of money towards our needs at this time.

We now have 261 members towards our goal of 285 for 2004. That means we need ten more for 95% and 24 more for 100%. We have not been this far along for quite some time. Please consider

George Carlile  
Earle Chaplin  
LeRoy Cool  
Donald Dertien  
Gerald Gasko

Robert Goodman  
Carl Hammer  
Gordon Jessee  
James Kobelt  
Walter McDonald

Glenn Olson  
Chester Parzych  
Drew Walton (Transfer)  
James West  
Iria Wilks  
Gregg Zoppa

#### **Comments By Members**

None submitted.

#### **Other Items of Interest**

##### **Location for Membership Meetings**

Meetings for the next six months are planned to be on Saturday mornings. This will be on a trial basis, it depends on member turn out to see if members will attend general membership meetings on a Saturday vs a Thursday night.

Members who have other ideas of where to hold General Membership meetings that might attract better member attendance are urged to contact Adjutant, Ann Foster. Call 719-599-8624

##### **Mid Year Conference**

The Annual Mid-Year Conference for The American Legion Department of Colorado was held from Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Grand Junction. All legionnaires from Colorado were invited to attend. Look in the February & March 2004 Observer for what took place.

**General Membership Meeting - Saturday,  
February 21<sup>st</sup>. at 10 a.m. Please be there.**

renewing now whether or not you have yet to receive a renewal notice from National.

As the Commander has stated we have much to do if we are to have a Post Home. It would be so helpful to concentrate on that issue rather than wondering if we are going to achieve our membership goal for the year. Additionally, there are many benefits to be gained by the Post and the Department, if we meet our goals, so please send us your \$30.00 for 2004 if you have not already done so.

Thanks to those listed below for their renewals and to our Transfer:

#### **TEN FOR TOM" CAMPAIGN**

"As Colorado continues to Proudly Present Tom Bock for National Commander, we need your support. The *Ten for Tom* program is underway. Theoretically, if every member in the Colorado American Legion donated \$10.00 to the campaign, we would have all we need to fund necessary campaign expenses and events.

The November issue of your Observer had a full page spread on Tom's campaign." Preceding from the December 2003, Colorado Legionnaire Bulletin. Questions regarding funding for the *Ten for Tom* program may be directed to Ralph Bozella at (303) 589-3170 (days) or (303) 776-3890 (evenings).

#### **Skills Bank**

A Skills Bank is being maintained in the office. Anyone who needs assistance with a work related skill may contact the office to access the Skills Bank for the names and phone numbers of legionnaires who have their names and skills listed in the Skills Bank".

A few examples of skills listed are - accounting, carpentry, computers, electrical work, painting, sheet rocking and texturing.

Contact Post Commander Chuck Zeitvogel should you like to have your name and skill/profession input to the Skills Bank

### **American Legion Catalog**

The American Legion Emblem Sales Catalogue is still available in the office for members to look through and to order items.

Call the office (719) 599-8624 to make an appointment to see the catalogue.

### **Blue & Gold Star Banners**

Blue & Gold Star banners are available for sale in the office. The banners are a way to recognize families who have members serving in the military. Call the office for information to obtain one of these banners.

### **Field / Bush Mower For Sale**

Post 209's Field & Bush Mower is still for sale. The cost new was approximately \$1,800, any reasonable offer will be considered. It could be yours. Call the office (719) 599-8624 for an appointment to see this Field/Bush mower.

### **Van for the Handicapped**

A call was received from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS) Professor Jeff Rodgers requesting assistance in locating a van to transport handicapped persons.

Please contact Professor Rodgers (719) 641-1005 should you know of someone who may have access to a van that might be used for transporting handicapped persons about UCCS. Your help will be appreciated.

### **Sons of the American Legion**

The Sons of The American Legion Squadron for Post 209 is not active at this time.

Eligibility requirements to be a member include: All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the specified periods of conflict for membership in The American Legion or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership.

Contact Legionnaire Larry Johnson at (719) 622-0344 or leave a message at the Post 209's phone

(719) 599-8624 should you learn of some one who meets these eligibility requirements.

Follow-up to try and get the Sons of The American Legion Squadron reactivated for Post 209 will be attempted.

### **Cub Pack 24**

Cub Pack 24 is sponsored by Post 209. The Pack continues to be active. They had their annual Pinewood Derby January 24, 2004. Post member Robert Cancellieri attended.

The Blue and Gold Celebration will be at Washington Elementary School on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. The address for Washington is 924 W Pikes Peak Ave. This is always a fun event. If you would like to attend, please call the office at 599-8624 by 15 February. We will then contact the committee chairman to make your reservation.

Scout Sunday is February 8, 2004. All Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms that day.

### **Jr Shooting Program**

The program at Widefield Navy JROTC is coming along nicely. The team is now being coached by Maj Mark Davis, the Senior Instructor. He would certainly welcome any assistance, if you would feel like you could help. Please let us know at the office, if you would like to do this or would like more information about this premier children and youth program of The American Legion.

On January 17, 2004, the cadets had their annual Military Ball at the Sheraton Hotel. Maj. Davis invited Esther Redington and Ann Foster to attend as Post 209 representatives. It was a very nice event similar to what some of us have experienced while we were still on active duty. Maj. Davis looked simply wonderful in his Marine Corps mess dress uniform. The cadets performed all of their assigned tasks for the formal portion of the evening in an excellent manner. Esther and Ann departed before the activity on the dance floor began.

**Attend Post 209's General Membership Meeting - Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, (third Saturday of the month) at 10 a.m. in the, Auxiliary Room of TREA, location - 834 Emory Circle, C/S. Come early and have breakfast at the TREA Dining Room. It opens at 8 a.m. Saturdays. Location is 834 Emory Circle, C/S. Contact the office if you have questions.**

## Candidates NEEDED for Officer Positions

**Nominate a member you know to Serve Post 209 in Legion Year 2004-2005**

### Positions Open for Nominations:

Commander	Elected Position
Senior Vice Commander	Elected Position
Junior Vice Commander	Elected Position
Adjutant	Elected Position
Finance Officer	Elected Position
Sergeant at Arms	Elected Position
Chaplain	Elected Position
Historian	Elected Position
Post Executive Committeeman	Elected Position
Judge Advocate	Appointed by Commander
Service Officer	Appointed by Commander

*Send your nominations to Post 209's office or call the office (719) 599-8624 and leave a message.*

### Post 209 Executive Committee

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Senior Vice. Commander	Greg Andries
Junior Vice. Commander	Bill Marshall
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Position Open
Historian	W.W. Bandler
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Post Executive Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Past Commander	Vacant

### Board of Trustees

Neal Thomas	Chairman (2yr)
Alton Cyriaque	Secretary (1yr)
<i>Position Open</i>	Finance Officer
Chuck Zeitvogel	Commander
Larry Johnson	Member (2yr)
Vacant	Member (1yr)
Ann Foster	Member (3yr)

### Committees

Planning & Budget .....	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Membership .....	Greg Andries	636-3346
Program/Social Activities .....	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Americanism/Youth/Scouting/Jr., ROTC / Marksmanship .....	Ann Foster	599-8624
Boys State & Oratorical .....	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Legislative & National Security .....	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Veteran Affairs .....	Tom Morant	570-0843
(Club) Land Use, Care & Development .....	Greg Andries	636-3346

### Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution & ByLaws .....	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Property Inventory:		
-Office .....	Ann Foster	599-8624
-Storage Unit .....	Larry Johnson	622-0344
Auxiliary Liaison .....	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Sons of The American Legion .....	Larry Johnson	622-0344

**Significant Contributions & Donations to Post 209 will be recognized with Special Certificates.**

### **Post 209 Normal Meeting Times**

**Board of Trustees** at 6:30 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. of Month

**Executive Committee** at 7:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. of Month following the Board of Trustees Meeting

Above meetings are at Post 209's office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Suite 104., C/S

### **General Membership Meetings**

Location & Times will vary for the next six months. Check the calendar & comments else where in this newsletter.

### **Auxiliary Unit Officers**

<b>President</b>	<b>Dot Dassero</b>
<b>Sec. Treasurer</b>	<b>Barbara Johnson</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Sgt. at Arms</b>	<b>Ruth Hornick</b>

***No Comments provided for this Newsletter***

### **Post 209 Calendar of Coming Events**

Feb 5 - Board of Trustees Meet  
Feb 5 - Executive Committee Meet  
Feb 20 - Articles for March Newsletter due  
**Feb 21- General Membership Meeting at TREA**  
Feb 27 - Mail March Newsletter  
Mar 4 Board of Trustees Meet  
Mar 4 Executive Committee Meets  
**Mar TBT General Membership Meets TBA**

**Note: General Membership Meetings are open to all members!  
Your attendance is necessary for success of Post 209.!**

### **NOTE:**

The American Red Cross at Walter Reed is looking for incidentals/comfort items for sick and wounded Armed Forces Personnel now recuperating at the hospital. When someone stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan or elsewhere is wounded or falls ill, they're immediately evacuated and eventually end up stateside. It takes weeks for their personnel effects to catch up with them.

Things that the Red Cross is asking for are:

- telephone cards of at least 30 minutes
- rolling luggage (small), totes, carry-ons
- individually wrapped snacks
- magazines
- notepads, pens
- playing cards and games
- sweat pants and shirts (all sizes)

**All items should be addressed to: ATTN: Barbara Green,  
Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Ave., N.W.,  
Washington, DC 20307-5001**

**Checks should be made payable to: American Red Cross  
For more information, you can call (202) 782-2080 or e-mail: Barbara.Green.1@AMEDD.army.mii**

**Articles/Comments for publication in Post 209's Newsletter are due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month to be in the next month's newsletter.  
Send articles/comments to Post 209's Office - Attention Post Commander. Questions? Call (719) 599-8624.**

### February 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5 Board of Trustees Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20 Articles for March newsletter due	21 <b>Membership Meeting at TREA in Auxiliary Room at 10 a.m.</b>
22	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27 Mail March Newsletter	28 Desert Storm ends, 1991
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### March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Board of Trustees Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>General Membership Meeting</b>
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Article for April Newsletter due	20 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins, 2003
21	22	23	24 Operation Allied Forces begins, 1999	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Mail April Newsletter			

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**FRANCIS M. REDINGTON**

**June 7, 1933 – December 15, 2003**

**Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather**

**Past Commander  
American Legion Centennial Post 209**

**Dedicated to the Youth of Our Community**

**Memorials may be made to**

**Diabetes Resource Network  
175 South Union Blvd., Suite 335  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910**