



A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

CENTENNIAL POST 209

JUNE THOMAS, COMMANDER

"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

March, 1992

On March 15, 1992, the American Legion will begin its 74th year of service to the nation's veterans, widows and orphans, as well as service to the community, state and nation.

Taking you back to February 1919, twenty soldiers from the Army Expeditionary Force (AEF), met over dinner and considered steps which would improve conditions and morale for the 2.5 million soldiers and sailors who had fought a war and were tired of discipline, regulations and being away from home. One of the participants, LTC Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., proposed that an Association of American Veterans of the War be organized.

It was decided that all those who served in American uniform overseas and at home should be included; that it should be a civilian organization, devoid of rank; and that it must operate in democratic fashion.

Two organizational meetings were held, one in Paris, France and one in the United States. Committees were formed who gave us a Preamble, an official name and on September 15, 1919, the United States Congress passed an act incorporating The American Legion. From the beginning, The American

Legion was concerned with caring for disabled veterans, widows and orphans and encouraged government to provide adequate hospitalization, rehabilitation, employment programs and disability payments.

The American Legion's greatest single piece of legislative achievement was the Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944...the GI Bill. It was signed by President Roosevelt on June 22, 1944.

Over the years, The American Legion has been involved with community, veterans' affairs and a host of other programs such as Legion baseball (70 years), Boys State (39th year), and The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest (since 1938).

More recently, during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the American Legion instituted a family hotline to assist the families of military personnel in the Gulf. To date, the American Legion has answered in excess of 20,000 calls for assistance.

The American Legion has had an impressive first 74 years and it is only through the work and dedication of each and everyone of us that The American Legion will have another glorious 74 years.

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HISTORIAN	GLENN HART
SERVICE OFFICER	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	FLOYD BUFKIN
POST EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
Potluck Dinner 6:00 P.M.
Dues \$20.00

CLUB COMMITTEE

Quinn McNeil	Larry L. Johnson
Dick Wilson	Don Miller
Bob Morris	Bill Weeks

Meeting March 4, 1992

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
April 6, 1917 to Dec 31, 1918
World War II
Dec 8, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
June 25, 1951 to Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Betty Mikulecky
Vice President	Barbara Johnson
Secretary	Dorothy Dassero
Corr Secretary	Alice Hart
Treasurer	Ireana Campbell
Chaplain	Donna Watkins
Historian	Hilda Pifer
Sgt at Arms	Nancy Hart
Parliamentarian	Florence Spiewak
Jr Past President	Marjorie Johnson

MEETINGS

3rd Thursday 7:00 P.M.
Potluck Dinner 6:00 P.M.
Dues \$12.00

SALS OFFICERS

Commander
Adjutant

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Hi Legionnaires:

February was such a busy month. The Auxiliary Past Presidents' Parley had their first luncheon on February 2nd and I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it. Past President Ruth Hornik hosted the luncheon and made a Sunday afternoon most enjoyable.

Five days later, I was on and off the Metro in Washington, DC at the National Conference which was very informative. As of this time, there are two VA Hospitals in Virginia and Georgia that are allowing non-vets medical care. Secretary Derwinski said these are just test cases; however, we have an eagle eye out and are following this closely.

I got the word late on the Florence Nursing Home Birthday Party on February 29 but those who joined us were appreciated by those veterans and their Commander "Doc" Christie.

We attended the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet on February 21 and won lots of prizes. Al Cyriaque and Ernie Kelly spent the most on a beautifully decorated cake. Al got a collector's item "Engine" cake and Kelly got a "Grand Piano" cake. Barbara and Harry Johnson were also there. Join us next year.

March will start off with the Annual American Legion Birthday Dinner on March 7th. If you have not signed up, be sure to do so. There is no charge for this party. The next Saturday, we join the Cub Pack in Manitou Springs at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. All those who will join us, call Ann Foster for the time and place.

If you are interested in running for an office in the Post or would like to chair a committee, contact

the nominating committee before our March meeting. Bill Pifer, Larry Johnson and Neal Thomas are the nominating committee.

April is the final election of officers and also our post initiation of new members. Call Ann Foster at 591-1952 to be included.

Thank you for your support. We want to start a daytime bingo. Let us know if you would be available to work. We have 21 months to be in our new post home so please lend your support.

There's strength in Unity and together, WE ARE WINNERS!

JUNE THOMAS
COMMANDER

FROM THE AGITATOR

March 15 is the official birthday of The American Legion, however, on March 7, we will celebrate the American Legion Birthday with a dinner and speaker. If you would like to attend, please notify either myself at work 579-5798/5672 or home 590-1369 or call the Post 591-2272 and make your reservation with the Bartender. This is necessary so we can plan for the meal. The cutoff for this function will be 29th of February.

It is time to start thinking about election of officers for the upcoming year to represent the Post.

During the general membership meeting in February, Commander Thomas appointed the nominating committee for the upcoming year. They are Bill Pifer, Neal Thomas and Larry Johnson. If you would like to become an officer of the

Post, please contact me and I will be more than happy to provide you with the job description from the officer's manual of the office.

During the April 16th general membership meeting, an initiation of new members will be conducted. This is a formal initiation, designed to provide you with some information and insight into The American Legion and what we stand for. If you would like to be initiated during this ceremony, please call the Post Home at 591-2272 and leave your name or you can reach me at 590-1369 if you have questions. Please make plans to attend this ceremony.

During the meeting in April, there will be election of officers for the upcoming year. Nominations for office will be accepted from the floor during the meeting prior to the election.

On the 3rd of May, District Seven will conduct its annual convention. This will be held at American Legion Post 25 in Florence, Co. It will begin at 12:00 with registration and the meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. I would like to see as many of you who can to attend. This is a perfect opportunity to meet Legionnaires and Auxiliary members from throughout the District. For more information, you can reach me at 590-1369 or call the Post at 591-2272.

During the month of June, the Department of Colorado will conduct its Annual Convention. It will be held in Fort Collins at the Holiday Inn. More information will be forthcoming on this event. Please plans to attend and meet your comrades.

LARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT

INSURANCE COMPANIES CHANGE

During the Department's Mid-Year Conference, the Department Executive Committee voted to change Legion insurance carriers. There will be no loss in benefits as a result of this change. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or call the Post, leave your name and number and I will get in touch with you.

Every Legionnaire is entitled to a free \$1000.00 accidental death or dismemberment insurance.

ORATORICAL

The District Oratorical contest was held on February 9, 1992 at Post 38 in Security, Colorado. We had three contestants, Shawn Winger from Post 209, Michelle Chess from Post 13 in Canon City and Ted Stitti from Post 25 in Florence.

Area Contest was held at Post 203 in Pueblo with contestants Corey Krovoch and Ted Stitti from Florence. Ted is the area winner.

The contestants are given five minutes for their speech on Patriotism. If they exceed that time limit, points are deducted. They are then judged and given five minutes to prepare a speech, not to exceed three minutes, on a subject which is given to them at that time. They are then judged on that speech and scores are totaled to determine a winner. Contestants are not permitted to use notes or prompts and are judged on content, voice and delivery.

Al Cyriaque is Post Chairman of the Oratorical contest.

FROM THE AUXILIARY:

Initiation of new members will be held at the March meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Centennial Unit 209. The Auxiliary is purchasing a meat dish to be served at the potluck dinner preceding the meeting. Department President Esta Fetzner has been invited to attend and Mae Dillon, District President, and her officers have been invited to conduct the ceremony.

March 7 is the Legion Birthday Dinner. We of the Auxiliary will present the Legion with a birthday cake.

A nominating committee was elected at the February meeting. This committee consists of Barbara Johnson, Dot Dassero and Florence Spiewak. The committee will present a slate of officers at the March meeting, nominations will be called for from the floor and elections be held at the April meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 4	EXEC MEETING 7:00 PM
MAR 7	AMERICAL LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER 6:30 PM
MAR 8	DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING 1:00 PM
MAR 10	BLDG MEETING 7:00 PM
MAR 14	ST PATRICKS DAY
MAR 19	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 PM POTLUCK AT 6:00 PM
APR 1	EXEC MEETING 7:00 PM
APR 16	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS, ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS
MAY 3	DISTRICT CONVENTION POST 25, FLORENCE, CO REGISTRATION 1:00 PM
MAY 6	EXEC MEETING 7:00 PM
MAY 18	NATIONAL COMMANDER DOMINIC D. DiFRANCESCO VISITS COLORADO SPRINGS
MAY 21	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 PM POTLUCK 6:00 PM
MAY 23	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS POST HOME 6:30 PM



March 1992

CENTENNIAL 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 61/305 1:00 PM DISTRICT MEETING	2 62/304	3 63/303 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	4 64/302 7:00 AM EXEC MTG 5:45 PM CIVILIANS MEETING	5 65/301	6 66/300 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	7 67/299 6:30 PM BIRTHDAY DINNER
8 68/298 1:00 PM DISTRICT MEETING	9 69/297 8:00 PM 40/8 FROMENADE POST 5	10 70/296 7:00 PM BLDG COMMITTEE MEETING	11 71/295 5:45 PM CIVILIANS MEETING	12 72/294	13 73/293 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	14 74/292 ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE
15 75/291 1:00 PM 8 & 40 MEETING	16 76/290	17 77/289 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	18 78/288 5:45 PM CIVILIANS MEETING	19 79/287 7:00 PM GEN MBERS MEETING POTLUCK 6:00 PM DISTRICT VISIT	20 80/286 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	21 81/285 9:00 AM WAC'S MEETING
22 82/284	23 83/283	24 84/282 7:30 PM AMVETS MEETING	25 85/281	26 86/280	27 87/279 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	28 88/278
29 89/277	30 90/276	31 91/275				

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