

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

MARCH 1996



LEGION NEWS

Plans for the proposed Post Home were presented at the membership meeting on February 15. The building will be two levels, with the lower level being a Bingo hall, seating 250-300 people, and with separate parking and entrance for players. The total structure will be 7500 sq. ft. The upper level will include office space for the business of the Post, as well as a dining room, a ballroom, meeting rooms and a lounge and bar area. With folding walls, the ballroom, dining room and meeting rooms can be opened up to form a very large room, if needed. We will have the plans at the March meeting. No potluck will be held at this meeting as the American Legion Birthday Party will be March 23. See the Activities page for further information on the party; however, if you plan to attend the Party, we must have your reservation by March 18 so we can order the food. Remember, no reservation, no food.

A nominating committee has been appointed for the election of new officers for this year. The committee will report at the March meeting, with elections to be held at the April meeting. If you're interested in being an officer this year, please contact Neal Thomas, Larry Johnson or me and let us know as soon as possible. The field is wide open for anyone interested, and we encourage you to get active in the business of the Post. We

need your help. With the construction coming up of the new Post Home, we need all the help we can get, and you are welcome to participate. If you don't participate, then don't complain if you don't like the way things are going.

I have tickets for the District #7 Ball on April 13. See the Activities Page for more information.

This is a very important year with elections coming up in November. Veterans benefits are being cut almost daily, and we have to speak up. The way we speak most effectively is at the ballot box. There are three million Legion members; think what an impact that would make if we all cast our ballots in November. We must reverse this trend of having all the cuts in spending on veterans and not fairly across the board. If you care what happens in this country, now is the time to let your officials know by voting. Read your newspaper, listen to the radio, watch your tv and see who is in favor of veterans and vote accordingly. If you were to be buried at Ft. Logan today, it would be six months before a headstone would be put up because the budget was cut 25%. This is wrong, and we should not stand for this and all the other cuts. These are earned benefits which are being taken from us...not welfare, not charity...EARNED BENEFITS. VOTE - VOTE - VOTE!

HARRY JOHNSON, COMMANDER

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
IR VICE COMMANDER	CHUCK CLABBERS
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	J. C. SHELLHAMMER
SGT. AT ARMS	JEFF NEW
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

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
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1946
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31 1984
PANAMA
DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT. AT ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

I am happy to say that we now have 312 members but sorry to say that we still need four more to have 70%. This issue and subsequent issues will only go to current members who have renewed, transferred in or joined. I ask for your assistance in signing up new members or encouraging anyone you know to renew or transfer.

During the month of January, the following Post 209 Legionnaires joined Post Everlasting: Duane Huisenga, George E. Hanson, Francis Mohr and Laurence Bloxsom.

Department Mid-Year Conference was excellent. Our regional National Junior Vice Commander Bob Scott of Oregon gave us a very good report on current activities. The main issue is that we will continue the fight for the Citizens Flag Amendment. The other four primary issues of concern are a decent health plan, the budget's effect on all veterans, the GI Bill and Montgomery education benefits and veterans preference. The conference also benefited by having the President of The American Legion Auxiliary, Syble

MEETINGS

2RD THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M.
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

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Deshotel, as the guest speaker at the banquet and as a special visitor throughout the weekend.

Department Convention his year will be 27-30 June at Grand Junction. The Hilton is headquarters for the Legion while cross the street, the Best Value Inn is headquarters for the Auxiliary. I encourage you to attend. You can not only learn a lot, but you can have a good time. To make it easy for you, hotel reservation forms are included elsewhere in the newsletter.



AUXILIARY NEWS

We were treated to the presentation of tentative plans for our new Post Home at the February meeting. Those who attended were excited to think we are closer to our dreams of having a Post Home of our own really happening.

Commander Harry and I were invited to attend the VA Satellite Clinic's Salute to Hospitalized Veterans luncheon on February 15. It was our pleasure to meet with these veterans and the people who do a fine job at helping them. Our Post will be providing lunch at the Clinic on March 21 and our Unit members voted to provide a cake for dessert.

The Commander and I also attended the Homecoming for Department President, Mae Dillon. I counted ten members there from 209. It was a lovely affair.

A nominating committee has been appointed and we will expect a report at the March 21 meeting. Get your reservations in for that. I also have tickets for the District Ball

April 27 is the date for the next Birthday Party at the Florence Nursing Home.

BARBARA JOHNSON
PRESIDENT

ACTIVITIES



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On the third Thursday of every month, the General meetings of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary are held at DAV Post 26. We ususally have potluck at 6:00 P.M. and the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The next meeting will be March 21. No potluck will be held in March due to the Legion Birthday Party on March 23.

The officers of the Post and Unit need your input and participation in order to continue the programs.

At the General membership meeting in April, we will once again elect a slate of officers to lead us for the American Legion year 1996-97.

Anyone who would like to serve as an officer of the Post, please call the Post Commander Harry Johnson at 596-9261 or come to the meetings in March or April. Nominations will be accepted from the floor the on the night of elections.

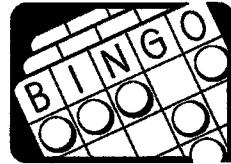
Executive Board Meetings for both Legion and Auxiliary will be on March 6 at the office of the Post.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of officers will be conducted 19 May at VFW #4051. The evening will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a social hour, and dinner will be served at 6:30. Following dinner, the annual post report will be read. In addition, the Commander and President will present awards.



**FINANCE OFFICER
LARRY L. JOHNSON**



**FUND RAISING
ACTIVITIES**

ASSETS

BINGO ACCT	43,950.81
BLDG ACCT	39,456.74
CLUB ACCT	31.41
DAILY CASH FUND	408.81
FUND RAISING ACCT	501.73
GENERAL ACCT	7,144.37
POST SAVING ACCT	1,082.65

OTHER ASSETS

CD #1 POST	1,104.98
CD #2 POST	1,786.34
The balance in our various accounts are as follows:	
CD #1 BLDG FUND	4,898.04
CD #3 POST	1,000.00
LAND	75,000.00
T-BILLS	9,333.70

TOTAL ASSETS \$185,699.89

If you have questions concerning this report, please attend the General Membership meeting.

**DISTRICT SEVEN
VISITATION**

District #7 Commander Dennis Kraft and officers of the District will be visiting the Post during our membership meeting 14 March. Come on out and meet the officers of the District.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

The Past Presidents Parley of Unit 209 will meet at the Hometown Buffet on March 8 at 1:00 for its annual luncheon. All Auxiliary members are invited to join with the Parley.

The only fund-raising activity that the Post conducts is Bingo and occasionally a raffle. Bingo is held on Friday evening at the Retired Enlisted Association, located at 834 Emory Circle at 7:00 P.M.

According to the Secretary of State, anyone who is a member of The American Legion or its Auxiliary, who has been a member longer than three (3) months may call the game of Bingo.

In order to assist with the operation of the Bingo game, the worker must be a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary or a member of the Sons of The American Legion and be fourteen years old or older.

Preparation for the evening begins about 5:00 P.M. Sale of Bingo cards and pulltabs begin at 6:00 P.M. The first number for the evening is called a little after 7:00 P.M and the game is usually completed by 9:30. Pulltab sales continue until about 11:30.

We need other volunteers to supplement the core of workers who are able to be there every Friday evening.





**AMERICAN LEGION
BIRTHDAY**

We will be celebrating The American Legion Birthday on 23 March at VFW Post #4051, located on Pikes Peak Avenue.

Activities will begin with an Attitude Adjustment hour to begin at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 6:30. Dinner will be prime rib.

Department Senior Vice Commander Jack Tarpey will be bringing greetings from the Department of Colorado. Jack is a member of Post 38 in Security and is a candidate for the office of Commander for the Department of Colorado.

Following that portion of the program, we will have entertainment provided by the "Good Ole Boys." They will be performing a variety of music which will appeal to everyone.

Festivities are free to members and their guests. Call either the Post at 599-8624, Harry at 596-9261 or Larry at 590-1369 with your reservation and how many will be in your party.



**DISTRICT SEVEN
BALL**


Every year Distict #7 hosts a dinner and ball. The ball honors the Past District Commanders and Presidents.

This year, as in the past several years, the ball will be held at American Legion Post 38 on the

13th of April. The menu will consist of stuffed pork chops and all the fixings. Music will be provided by the Bill Boyt Band playing his big band music.

The cost of the evening's entertainment is \$10.00 per person. Commander Harry Johnson and President Barbara both have tickets for this event. If you would like to attend this event, call the Johnsons at 596-9261.

**1996 Department Convention American Legion
June 27-30, 1996 Grand Junction Hilton
743 Horizon Drive Grand Junction, CO 81506 (970) 241-8888
1-800-445-8667
Hotel Reservation Form**



RATES	
Single	\$60.00 plus tax - 10.75%
Double	\$70.00 plus tax
Alcove Suites	\$90.00 plus tax
8th floor parlor and 2 bedrooms	\$225.00 plus tax

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

_____ Single _____ Double _____ 8th Floor _____ Alcove Suite

_____ Number of People _____ Number of Rooms


Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check _____ Money order _____ Credit Card _____

Credit card name _____ (Visa, MC, Am Exp, Diners, Carte Blanche)

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____ (if paying by credit card)

**1996 Department Convention American Legion Auxiliary
June 27-30, 1996 Best Value Inn
718 Horizon Drive Grand Junction, CO 81506 (970) 243-6080
Hotel Reservation Form**



RATES	
1 or 2 people, 1 Queen	\$48.95 plus tax - 10.75%
2 people, 2 queens	\$58.95 plus tax
3 people, 2 queens	\$60.95 plus tax
4 people, 2 queens	\$62.95 plus tax
1 or 2 people, 1 king	\$58.95 plus tax

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

_____ Queen _____ Queen/Queen _____ King

_____ Number of People _____ Number of Rooms

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check _____ Money order _____ Credit Card _____





Credit card name _____ (Visa, MC, Am Exp, Discover, Diners)

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____ (if paying by credit card)

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CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	2
3	4	5	6  7:00pm EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	7	8 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	9
10	11 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	12	13	14	15 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	16
17 <i>St. Patrick's</i> 	18 7:30pm 8/40 MTG POST 5	19	20 <i>Spring begins</i>	21  7:00pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	22 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	23  6:00pm AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	30
31 <i>Palm Sunday</i>						