

**THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209**  
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**March 2006 – NEWSLETTER**

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Saturday January 14, 2006**

**TREA, Breakfast 9 AM, Membership Meeting 10 AM**

**Guest Speaker: District Officer Visitation**

**Officers' Comments**

**COMMANDER – Bill Marshall**

### **Officer Elections**

This is a very important part of The American Legion and what really makes things work. I encourage you to become an officer and contribute to the well being of Post 209. Please contact the office, 599-8624 if you are interested or would like to nominate someone.

**SR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler**

I would like to apologize to Legionnaire Art Criswell for being remiss in our last Post Newsletter and Post general meeting for not mentioning that Art was our first World War II veteran to receive the NCOA 's World War II Veteran Honor And Remembrance Medallion. Congratulations Art.

**ADJUTANT – Ann Foster**

### **Membership**

I am happy to report we made our 85% of goal and then some. However, we need the following as soon as possible to really make some final headway: 9 more would make us 90% and 24 more would put us at 95%. Just 40 more would make 100%. This is very close and should not be that hard if you would go ahead and renew now and sign up at least one person. There are more than enough military living in this town. You surely know someone at work, or church, or in some other organization you belong to that you could ask. Try it! You might be surprised at the good results you could have! Most new members respond, "nobody ever ask me."

**Cub Pack 24**

The Blue and Gold Dinner was outstanding. We had a nice crowd. The boys had a nice skit and seemed to really enjoy celebrating the birth of Cub Scouting. It is hard to believe it won't be too long before the end of school when they will receive their awards for their hard work and the Webelos II boys will cross over into being full-fledged Boy Scouts.

### **Junior Shooting**

Esther Redington and I had the pleasure of attending the Widefield NJROTC Military Ball 25 February. These young people get to display many of the skills they have learned as they progress in their military classes for they are in charge of production. Of course, Maj. Davis and Senior Chief Johnson keep them on the right path. Maj. Davis stated they have ten on the Rifle team and they are busy learning that skill as well.

### **Upcoming Post Election of Officers**

I want to support the Commander's reminder of this event in April, as we really do need the support of the Post, if we are to continue being active in The American Legion programs. Please realize that many hands make light work. If we all pitch in and help wherever we can, our mission of helping veterans and their families will be realized.

### **CHAPLAIN – Mario Teracena**

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY**

In June 1812, the USA declared war on England as a result of its interference with American Shipping. US forces proved their ability by scoring outstanding victories against England, but on September 13, 1814, the British forces attacked Baltimore and tried to destroy Fort McHenry in the city's harbor. All night they bombarded it. An American, Frances Scott Key aboard a British ship seeking the release of prisoners, witnessed the bombardment. The next morning, to his amazement, he saw the US flag still flying over the Fort. This sight inspired him to write the verses of "The Star-Spangled Banner". It has played at military and ceremonial occasion since that time. Congress finally made it our official national anthem in March 3, 1931.

#### **FOR GOD AND COUNTRY: HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!**

Happy Anniversary fellow Legionaries. Eighty-Six years ago on March 15-17, The American Legion was founded in Paris by delegates from combat and service units of the American Expeditionary Force. Congress on September 16, 1919 granted the national charter. This charter was amended latter to admit WW II, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans. The American Legion presently includes all veterans who have served honorably. It's the largest volunteer group

meeting in the world, with 2.7 million members, made up of men and women in 15,000 posts worldwide. The American Legion's major concern has always been the care of disabled and sick veterans. It is instrumental in establishing hospitals and many other services to meet the needs of Veterans.

## **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!**

March 17<sup>th</sup>, wear your green!

### **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**

- Mar 9----Executive Comm. Meeting
- Mar 11----Membership meeting, District Visitation
- Mar 15----Legion Birthday
- Mar 17----ST. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20----Spring Begins, Commanders Birthday

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin  
 Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.

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 month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste.  
 104 immediately following Post Executive  
 Committee Meeting.

<b>2005-2006 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee</b>	
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
<b>2005-2006 Auxiliary Unit</b>	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Open
Sergeant-at-Arms	Open

**Calendar**

<b>March 2006</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 EC Mtg. 6:30 PM	10	11 Memb. Mtg., Breakfast, Dist. Visit
12	13	14	15 Legion Birthday	16	17 ST. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION**