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MEET YOUR 2020 - 2021 OFFICERS!! 2020-2021 American Legion Post 209 Officers

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Director: Jim Harris W0EM

Secretary: Harvey LeCato W1JU

Treasurer: Henry Russell KCONAJ

2021 DINNERS AND EVENTS RE-OPENED!

Due to the reduction in COVID-19 cases and a relaxation on social gatherings, the Post leadership decided to reopen events and Dinners this month. We will observe the mandates handed down by our Governor and allow up to 50% capacity for all events.

If restrictions are further reduced or changed in any way, we will adjust as appropriate. We recommend you continue to monitor our website and Facebook page for updates.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and continued support.

Post 209 Family Leadership











FROM THE DESK & MIND OF THE COMMANDER

Why do you belong to the American Legion? Like the military we all have our own reasons for joining. The American Legion unlike the military though doesn't come with the join or jail option, we join because for some reason we want to continue serving. I want to share my reasons with you.

When I was growing up in Minnesota, I would walk past a hat every day. This hat was different than most, it was a diamond-like shape, blue with the word Minnesota embroidered in goldish yellow on one side. There was a patch that said, "For God and Country." Pins; there were three pins on this hat. One, a star, but not like normal stars. This one said something in the middle of it but time washed the letters away. The second pin was of a pheasant flying, and the last pin read 451. And above the goldish yellow embroidered Minnesota was the logo of the American Legion.

After being medically separated from the Army in 2016 due to injures I sustained in Afghanistan, I wasn't quite sure what I was going to do. There was one thing I was sure of though, I needed to join The American Legion. Not because I knew what it stood for, or because I knew they base their values off the four pillars. I joined because I walked past a hat every day.

I finally joined online, got a card and that was it, I was a member of the American Legion. As a year went by, I started to think maybe being a part of the Legion is more than just having a card. I began looking at what my Post does. I learned that they are more than a bar or a place to tell war stories. It was a place for family, not just blood, but a family of Veterans who after getting out are left to face a world where most people will never understand what it means to serve.

By the way, that "Hat" belonged to my Grandfather, Albert Schmidt who served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a man I never met but his uniform cap would create a bond between us and pave the way for my place in the family of the American Legion.

We all have our reasons for being a member, and I want to know what your journey was to joining the American Legion. Come in for a dinner, membership meeting, or send a letter don't let your story go untold.

A final note, I have decided to run to be your Post Commander again. Elections will be held during the April's General Membership Meeting. Please come out and support or even run for a position, don't let your talents go to waste, share them with not only the post, but our community as a whole.



Celebrate

American Legion Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209

Host your next event with us! With over 2,500 SQFT of venue space this is the perfect location for your next social event!

Rental Features:

- 6 Hour Rental
- In House Catering Available*
- Fully Stocked Bar*
- Muti-Room Sound System
- Dance Floor with Lighting

If you and your family are looking for an affordable option for a wedding, corporate event, retirement party, or any other event, we here at The American Legion Post 209 are ready to assist you in all your event planning needs.





FROM THE DESK OF THE POST ADJUTANT

I am conducting a survey. I would like to know how effective the communications are between the officers of Post 209 and the membership. For this survey to work, I am requesting inputs from all of you reading this Newsletter.

- 1) Do you receive our weekly invites to the Friday dinners?
- 2) Have you had the need to communicate with any of the member of the Executive Committee Members?
- 3) If the answer to #2 is yes, how satisfied are you with the results?
- 4) Have you received a "Buddy Check" phone call this year from any member of the Post?
- 5)Do you have any suggestions as to what can be done differently to better our Post? Please respond to adjutant@legion209.org

April is fast approaching. That means elections for the officers to lead our Post. All positions are open. If you would like put your name in the hat for one of them, to help us stay number one in the State of Colorado, contact our Judge Advocate. You may do this any time up to and including the day of elections. You must be a member in good standing to run for a position or to vote. The elections will be during the meeting on April 10 at 10:00 AM. Even if being an officer isn't your thing, at least come to the meeting and vote for your choices.

Our membership quota for this year is 1185 members by the end of June. If you know of anyone wanting to become a member, get them signed up. If your membership is due for renewal, let's GIT 'ER DONE!



FROM THE DESK OF THE SR. VICE COMMANDER

We are doing well with membership for the year but we are still just over 100 members away from our quota from Department. Look at your membership card and if it does not have the year 2021 on it; your membership expired on Dec 31st. If your card says 2020, please send in your renewal or contact Adjutant Jerry to catch up on your membership today.

Post elections will be coming up at the April Membership Meeting and all positions are open. If you have an interest in helping with the leadership of the Post make sure to put your name in for the position you are interested in serving. The description of the duties for each office is in this newsletter.

We are still not out of the water yet with COVID-19 but things are improving. Remember that some members are still isolated and if know of a member in this situation, how about doing a "buddy check" on them. With the isolation we have all been experiencing a phone call can go a long way. If you would like to help out with making the phone calls please contact Jerry. Thanks for everything you do to help out veterans and our community.

Marvin Weaver, Gr.
Sr. Vice Commander

FROM THE DESK OF OUR FINANCE OFFICER

As some of you may have already learned, I recently decided to increase my involvement and responsibility within Post 209 by stepping down as the Post Sergeant-At-Arms in order to fill the vacant Post Finance Officer position. While there is an audit currently in progress following the departure of our previous Post Finance Officer, which should be completed in the next week or two, I have been added to all the applicable Post 209 accounts and am starting to learn how the Post's budget is generally done. I am waiting for the audit to be completed before "diving in head first" into the position. I will be spending a lot of time over the next month so I can fully understand how the Post's finances work and have been done in the past.

I will be taking any recommended changes or improvements from the audit results into serious consideration, implementing those that are actionable as soon as possible. As everyone is aware, COVID-19 has had an impact to our Post's finances. While the Post is still doing ok financially, we are not where we would have been without the shutdowns. With the Post slowly opening back up for Friday dinners and other activities, things are obviously going to start improving as things "hopefully" start to return to some resemblance of normal. Fundraisers are definitely needed to try and bring additional funds into the Post so that we can get our support to Veterans back up to normal levels. Please come to me, the Post Commander, or any other officer with fundraising ideas you may have so that we can look at the feasibility of implementing them. ANY fundraising idea is worth looking into, so start making the Executive Committee busy with your ideas.



FROM THE DESK OF THE UNIT PRESIDENT



I'd like to thank all those who volunteered their time doing what they do. Without our volunteers, we would not be a successful Post. We can always use more volunteers, so please don't hesitate to come down and help. Even if it's just an hour a month.

Our next meeting is April 10th at 10:00 a.m. Come and have breakfast beforehand, at 9:00 a.m.

Don't forget elections will be on April 10th during our monthly meeting. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact Jackie Bowen at jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com.

I want to thank everyone for making our Butter Braid fundraiser a great success.

We are looking for sponsors for our Girls State program. If you know of anyone that would like to sponsor a girl or if you would like to be a sponsor, the full amount is \$40 for each girl. If you

can't do the total amount, any amount will help. If you would like to sponsor a girl, please contact Royce Hopper or Jackie Bowen. Girls State will be on June 7th thru 10th.

I would like to wish the following ladies a HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Elaine Bock, Marilyn Brinkley Cotter, Cheryl Cayemberg, Kristina Floyd, Renee Hedrick, Gloria Hill, Stephanie Moyer, Elizabeth Seitz, Donna Rea Smith, and Lois Wooton. Wish these ladies Happy Birthday when you see them.

The Auxiliary dinner for April (4/9) will be a Chinese menu. Cost for dinner is \$10.00. Please come down and support Auxiliary, and make sure to RSVP.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly!



FROM THE DESK OF OUR SAL COMMANDER

SAL Squadron 209: There's much going on at Squadron 209. We received 4 Detachment Awards. They are JO D. Roe Memorial Award for Americanism for year 2019-2020, VA & R Award for year 2019-2020, Children & Youth Award for year 2019-2020 and Americanism Award for year 2019-2020. This year's CWF Banquet at Post 209 has been cancelled for this year as circumstances are too uncertain due to COVID. Squadron 209 will be sending a donation check of \$1500 to the CWF fund. Colorado is currently first in the nation for donations to the CWF fund.



FROM OUR POST ELECTIONS NOMINATIONS CHAIRMAN

Elections will be conducted at our general membership meeting on 10 April. All positions are up for nomination. If you are interested in running or nominating an individual for a position or multiple positions, please contact our election chairperson, Marvin Weaver 719-638-4763 or weavermr@q.com.



Currently, the followin Legionnaires have contacted me and expressed their desire to serve or continue serving in the following positions:

Commander – Joseph Schmidt
Sr. Vice Commander – Marvin Weaver, Jr.
Adjutant – Jerry Hopper
Finance Officer – Joel Haas
Historian – Stewart Anderson
Post Executive Committeeman – Art Kimbrel
Board of Trustees (Past Post Commander position) – Jay Bowen

The following is a short description for each Post position.

Commander: You are entrusted with the supervision of the duties of all other Officers of the Post. You are the presiding Officer at all meetings and you must familiarize yourself with the policies and traditions of your Post and The American Legion.

Adjutant: Also known as the "First Sergeant." You are the Secretary of the Post. Post activities will revolve around you. The Adjutant is the Post personnel officer; maintains membership

records, minutes of meetings, checks up and assists with the work of the other Officers and Committees. You publish official orders; announcements and instructions.

Senior Vice Commander: Your primary role is membership. No Post can survive without a strong membership. You should be familiar with ceremonial protocols for regular meetings. A Vice Commander must be ready to fill in for the Commander upon a moment's notice.

Junior Vice Commander: You must be ready to promote your Post. The Commander will depend on you to provide programs that spice up the meetings and attract attendance. You should contact other Veteran and civic organizations so that each patriotic holiday and observance receives the attention it deserves. You are concerned with the pageantry of the Legion. You should also be concerned with the welfare of all fellow Veterans as well as with Veteran's affairs and rehabilitation committees.

Finance Officer: You will serve as chair of the Finance Committee and will be in charge of all receiving and disbursing Post funds. You will work closely with the Post Adjutant in all matters relating to the finances of your Post.

Service Officer: You should be a dedicated person and should have a deep interest in fellow Veterans, the Post and the community. You are responsible for bringing to the attention of all Veterans and their dependents the rights and benefits granted to them by law. You must know how to utilize the expert services available through Legion channels as well as through local agencies. You should be ready to visit dependents upon a death of a service member. You may be called upon to serve as chair of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee as well as working with children and youth committees or making hospital visitations. Appointed by the Commander-elect.

Chaplain: You must be a person capable of moral and intellectual leadership. You work closely with all other Officers of the Post. You should attend all meetings of the Post and Executive Committee. You should be ready to officiate when requested, at funerals of members. The Chaplain must also be ready to provide service to bereaved families of Post members.

Sergeant-at-Arms: You should know how to arrange the meeting hall, and assist the Post Commander and Adjutant. You are the custodian of the Colors and in charge of Colors details during the presentation and retirement ceremonies. You should know how to display flags and their proper presentation. You are also responsible for maintaining order at all meetings.

Historian: You have the responsibility of preserving and compiling the records/photos (specifically through our Scrapbook and website) of our Post. You should <u>try</u> to attend Department Conventions and keep in touch with other Post Historians. [You are only encouraged to attend, not required.]

Post Executive Committeeman: You are a voting member of the Post Executive Committee, which is entrusted with the government and management of the Post. You shall be responsible to represent the interests of the general membership to the Executive Committee.

Judge Advocate: You will supply professional advice in the conducting of the Post business or to procure proper counsel. You are the interpreter of the Constitution and By-Laws of our Post. You may be asked to assist in auditing Post financial accounts. Appointed by the Commander-elect.

FROM OUR POST HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard: Post 209 Honor Guard has done 7 Final Honors, 1 refolding of the American Flag and a New American Flag presentation to Taylor Elementary School in the month of February. The Post Honor Guard is doing a fantastic job with all the Final Honors that have been coming up. I have contacted Post 38 to see if their Post would like to join and work with Post 209 Honor Guard as our Post only has 10 members on the Honor Guard. If any Post 209 member would like to join and be a part of a Great Honor Guard, please contact me. My contact info is on the Post website and page one of the newsletter. We need more members on the Post 209 Honor Guard.



FROM OUR POST HISTORIAN-APRIL

March 15-17: 1919

Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

Historian Post March 2021

The Post had it first Game Night. We had 6 members show up and had a great time. We will continue every month on the second Wednesday. Next Game Night is 14th April 2021.

We continue to have our Post dinners every Friday. Must RSVP due to COVID, but dinners are helping the Post.

We will have the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th.

Golf

Everything is in place by August 22, 2021. It is \$100 a player and we are playing at Kings Deer Golf Club in Monument, CO. We are looking for players, raffle items, and sponsors. We are standing about 4 teams. Still need to get more. We are working on getting the flyers out. If you would like to help get the word out, please let Stewart Anderson know. 719-505-2347 or stew.cate@gmail.com

Stewart Anderson Historian

FROM OUR LOUNGE MANAGER

Memorial wall picture submissions! The wall is located upstairs in the post museum, everyone is welcome to submit a picture of a passed loved one to be included. To participate please submit your favorite digital picture to Charyse Schmidt by email at cnbe89@gmail.com, along with the name you would like printed on it as well as birth and death dates respectively.

This will not cost anything to members other than the donation of a picture. The printing and frames will be provided to anyone who wishes to participate. We hope see many more pictures added to the wall.



NEAL THOMAS, JR.-CENTENNIAL POST 209 GOLF TOURNAMENT



Where? King's Deer Golf Club, Monument, CO

When? Sunday, 22 August, 2021

Time? Player Check-in 7:00 am
Shotgun Start 8:00 am
Scramble Tournament (Rules Announced Prior to Start of Play)

Cost? \$100/Person

Entry Fee includes: Green Fees, Range Balls, Golf Cart, and Awards' Luncheon.

Donations and Sponsorships Appreciated and Encouraged.

Event Coordinator, Stewart Anderson – 719 505-2347

Email: Stew.Cate@gmail.com

THE AMERICAN LEGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (TALARC)

Better things are coming.

Your board met and we are brainstorming on HOW TO GET PEOPLE OUT TO PARTICIPATE in TALARC activities.

So we are planning some EXCITING, hands-on, and get out from under the roof activities.

Besides a radio road rally stay tuned for other near-term events! 73 (Best regards) Contact Club Secretary, Harvey LeCato 331-1212 mbca@comcast.net



FROM OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER

Our Post has reached out with assistance to 68 Veterans for the calendar year 2020 and 18 for 2021. You may not be aware, but we have a Post Veterans' Assistance Fund that was first established by our Post's namesake, Neal Thomas, Jr. As of 31 January, we have just over \$5,532 in emergency funds. That may sound like a lot of money, but it goes very quickly when used to assist Veterans for emergency support.

If you would like to donate to keep this fund going, you can mail us a check or go to our Post website at **legion209.org** and click on the "Donate" button. You can enter the term PVAF to ensure the donation is earmarked for this special account. Remember, we are a non-profit charity so your donation may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor to find out!

Post Service Officer/VA&R Committee Chairman





They say "April Showers Bring
May Flowers!"
But in Colorado we say,
There is snow in most of those
April Showers,
So, don't plant those Flowers
'til after Mother's Day!

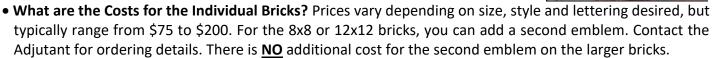




Buy A Brick Fundraiser!

We are re-introducing an exciting fundraiser for our Post. We are partnering with Polar Engraving to offer our members, family, friends, and our corporate Veteran-friendly supporters an opportunity to purchase an engraved brick to adorn our landscaping project we are working. The engraving uses the same technology as used on tombstones so it's extremely durable. Here are some FAQs:

- What Are We Having? A Brick Fundraising Event
- Why? To Further Funding of our American Legion Programs
- What Size Are the Bricks? 4"x 8" or 8"x 8" bricks for individuals, and 8"x 8" or 12"x 12" bricks for our corporate supporters.



- What are the Costs for the Corporate/Veteran Supporter Bricks? Again, prices vary depending on size, style, and lettering but typically range from \$125 to \$500.
- What is the Difference between Individual and Corporate Bricks? Individual bricks are identified for Veterans, and family members of Veterans wishing to purchase a brick to honor their Veteran. The corporate bricks are for our Veteran-friendly supporters and businesses who wish to show their continued support to our Nation's heroes by purchasing a brick.
- Is the Brick Purchase Restricted to Members of the Post 209 Family? No. We encourage members to buy a brick for themselves as a lasting memory of their association with Post 209. We also welcome anyone to purchase a brick for their Veteran loved one, or to show their support to our Veterans.
- Can I Buy a 12"x 12" Brick for Myself/Loved One? Absolutely!
- Where Do I Go to Buy a Brick? We have a link on our website. Just visit legion209.org and click on "Walk of Honor." Or, you can visit http://polarengraving.com/ALPost209 to buy your brick. The site is very user-friendly and will walk you through the design and purchase. You will be able to see a preview of your brick before finalizing the purchase.
- How Do I Pay For the Brick? We have the site setup to accept payment via PayPal or by check. PayPal is an extremely safe way to purchase a brick and you don't need a PayPal account to use it.
- Where Will the Brick Be Shipped? All bricks will be shipped to the Post. We will notify you when it arrives and you are welcome to stop by and see the brick you have purchased.
- What Will Become of My Brick? It will be placed near the Flagpole at the Post and will be part of the landscaping design we are working. If you are a landscaper or know a good one (preferably a Veteran), have them contact our Adjutant.
- How Long Will this Fundraiser Effort Last? We plan to only sell as many bricks as needed for the first phase of the landscaping project. Currently, that is anticipated to be 600 bricks, but that number may change depending on brick sizes purchased and the final design approved by the Post.
- Will I Have an Opportunity to Buy a Brick Later? Quite possibly. It depends on what is decided/approved for the next phase of our project.

Order your brick(s) now to ensure you get one in Phase One of our project. If you buy multiple bricks, let our Adjutant know and we will make certain they are all placed together.



BRINGING A LITTLE SOUTH TO THE WEST



I am constantly amazed at how some parents will routinely prepare multiple dinner meals because their kids won't eat what is served. On one hand, it is good these families are so well off they can afford to prepare home-cooked meals restaurant style. But on the other hand, why are kids allowed to make the decision on what they will or won't eat?

Like most folks, we didn't have much growing up. But we always had food on the table and there was plenty. We rarely had steak, most of our meat dishes consisted of chicken or fish. And there was always meat of some kind, or something that resembled meat. Mom would often make stew from the bargain stew meat offered at our local Kroger grocery store. When Mom made the stew, she made enough for 3 or 4 nights of leftovers. To this day, I won't eat stew!

Another favorite meat dish Mom would cook was liver and onions. There is nothing you can do to liver to make it edible. Over the years, I've had people tell me that if I would try the way they fixed liver, I'd like it. I guess I'll just have to take their word for it, because I'll never know for certain.

No food was ever wasted at our house. If there were mashed potatoes left over (and there almost always was), the next night Mom would take the leftover potatoes, smash them into what looked like a pancake, crack an egg on top of them and fry up some potato cakes. They were actually pretty good. And she would clean, soak and cook enough beans to last 2 or 3 nights.

Because there wasn't much in the way of variety, I have sworn off most of the food I ate growing up, with the exception of fresh Pinto Beans. We had that pretty often, as well as Pork and Beans. But I still enjoy Pintos and Mashed Potatoes. Not a big fan of Green Beans, but I'll eat them. Not a fan at all of fresh greens, and I won't eat them. Nope! Never!

And forget about going out to eat when growing up. That was a luxury we almost never enjoyed. I think maybe once a year we were treated to a burger at the "Chat-N-Chow" Restaurant around the corner from our house. But that was always take-out. I don't think I ever sat at one of the diner-style tables. The only thing that resembled going out to eat was stopping at a milk shake stand on the way home from Arkansas to visit the grandparents. That was the highlight of our approximately 1 ½ hour drive to the country; stopping on the way home for a milk shake. Even our Collie dog, King enjoyed helping us finish off those delicious shakes.

But I digress. Regardless what was placed on the dinner table at home or while visiting grandparents, we ate it. We didn't have the luxury of telling Mom we didn't want the stew, instead we wanted a Hot Dog or Burger. Even if it was in the Frigidaire, it would not have mattered. If it wasn't the meal prepared for dinner, we didn't have the choice. And we didn't have the choice of not eating. Fortunately, Dad knew of our extreme distaste for liver (I think he probably shared our thoughts on this organ), so occasionally he would allow us to leave some on the plate, but only after we ate at least half of it. Toward the end of the meal, we would ask to be excused from the dinner table and he would inspect what was left on the plate. If there was meat he would say, "Take one more bite, then you can get up." That was often a very tough bite, but we normally could wash it down quickly with some good sweet iced tea.

We make it way too easy and convenient on our kids today. We've spoiled them to a point where it appears they are the one's making family decisions about things like food. And their choices are not always (most of the time it is not) the most healthy choices. No wonder we have so many adolescents and teens with medical issues. They need to eat some liver and stew!

Jay Bowen
Past Post Commander

April 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
House Committee meets	immediately following our Mo	nthly Membership Meeting o	n the 10th.	1 Holy Thursday Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm	2 Good Friday Hamdogger 6:00pm Price Varies w/Menu	3
4 Easter	5 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm	6	7	8	9 \$10.00 Meal Auxiliary Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required!	Membership Meeting B'fast - 9:00/Mtg - 10:00 ELECTIONS!
11	Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm	13	14 Welcoming Committee Mtng 6:00pm	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16 \$10.00 Meal Chef's Choice Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required!	17
18	ALR Exec. Board 6:00pm Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 \$10.00 Meal Chef's Choice Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required!	24
25	26 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm	ALR/SAL Monthly Mtng 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm	28	29	30 Arbor Day	Notes:

May Events of Note:

Installation Banquet – Date to be announced Armed Forces Day! – 15 May
Mother's Day! – 9 May
Memorial Day! – 31 May