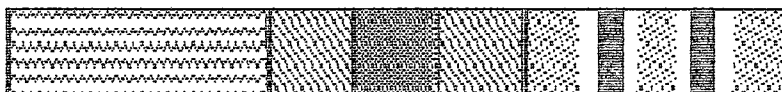


# A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

## CENTENNIAL POST 209



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### FROM THE COMMANDER:

April is an important month within the American Legion and particularly this Post.

April on the American Legion agenda is Children and Youth month. This month we should be out in the schools with our Child Safety programs, Drug Abuse programs, and Education programs.

This is extremely important when one considers that the children and youth of today are going to be the future of our country. They will be the leaders of business and industry and our Representatives, Senators, and our future Presidents.

If we do not pass on our leadership knowledge and experiences how can we ensure that the country will be left in good hands? In more than a few ways it is our responsibility as Parents, Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and Squadron members to shape our youth and to see that they are given the proper tools they will need to run our businesses, industrial interests, and yes even our country.

We can help by promoting our Boys State program which provides insight into how the city, county, state, and national governments are set up and run. We can also do this through our Oratorical programs where our youth learn speaking skills, gain confidence, and because of the nature of the subject, knowledge of the United States Constitution.

We can make children aware of the dangers of speaking to strangers or even persons they know and how to deal with wrong doings. We should help our children become aware of the dangers involved with using or even the involvement with drugs and the harm it can cause.

April is also the month WE the members of the Legion, Auxiliary,

and the Sons of the American Legion elect the officers that we want to represent and lead us for the upcoming year. The nominating committee has met and reported that they have the following names for the positions indicated:

April 91

COMMANDER	✓ June Thomas
SR. VICE COMMANDER	✓ Louis Mikulecky
JR. VICE COMMANDER	Robert Morris
ADJUTANT	✓ Larry Johnson
FINANCE OFFICER	✓ Harry Johnson
SGT-AT-ARMS	Alton Cyriaque
CHAPLAIN	Tom Haban
HISTORIAN	Glen Hart
POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN	Neal Thomas

Although these are being nominated, I WANT EVERYONE TO BE AWARE THAT NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS. I would truly like to see everyone come out for the elections on April 18, 1991. The Installation of Officers is scheduled for May 18th at Peterson AFB NCO Open Mess with the following schedule:

6:00 PM Cocktail hour

7:00 PM Dinner of either chicken or London Broil, baked potato with cheese, broccoli, and ice cream for desert.

Cost will be \$12.00 per person.

8:00 PM Installation.

Reservations with prepayment are required at the Post by May 10th.

We should also take particular note of the upcoming visit by the American Legion National Commander Mr. Robert S. Turner to Centennial Post 209 on April 23, 1991 AT 9:30 PM. Make a special note to be at the Post and welcome him to Colorado Springs and Post 209.

LARRY L. JOHNSON  
POST COMMANDER.

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

HI LEGIONNAIRES:

I am so excited about our membership !!! I asked your help and WOW!, Thank you Legionnaires, you did GREAT !. Our goal was 255 and we surpassed it at 281 members. We are still the "Little Post Going places and doing the BIG THINGS". Post 209 sure is a Warm and Friendly Post, each member is very special and is invited to participate in any of our many Legion programs. To our 281 members we invite you to help on our Bingo team, which means only working once a month. We have every Friday evening at the Retired Enlisted Association 634 Emery Circle, east of Murray off of Galley. Max Hoyer is our manager for the Bingo program.

Working with the Youth program such as Boys State, the Oratorical contests, Child Welfare, Boy Scouts, and Legion Baseball, to name a few, is very rewarding. Also, we like to visit the nursing homes and the Veteran's Hospitals and sometimes we charter a bus to make a holiday out of it.

Let us know any special things that you like to do. Perhaps you may enjoy working around the Post home. Let's work together to build a better Post home and we will never have to worry about membership because  
---- WE ARE THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY.

JUNE THOMAS  
SR. VICE COMMANDER

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FROM THE CLUB:

The Legion birthday party was a great success and a big thanks to Don Miller for cooking, to Dick and Sheila Wilson and Jose and Jesse Romaro for all their help.

You will be happy to know we now have American Telecasting on our television set so our members can come down and see some of the other sports channels.

Be sure and remember to come down on April 13th to sing along with Ollie Bell and his guitar. This is a popular event among the members who participated when he was here last.

April 27th from 8:00 to 12:00 we have a dance scheduled with the COW TOWN SWING. These are great times.

LOUIS MIKULECKY  
CLUB MANAGER and JR. VICE COMMANDER.

FROM THE UNIT:

On March 21st District President Mae Dillion inititated 12 new members into Unit 209. This is a district record and I am very proud of the hard work by our members this year. Be watching the Colorado Legionaire for a picture of this big event. I would like to say welcome to our new members and Thank you to all the ladies that made 1990-91 a big year for the Unit.

April 18th, our regular meeting is Election night for the new officers for the Unit. Please attend and help select the officers who will lead Unit 209. Also we need to elect delegates for the District Convention. The May 5th pre-meeting dinner will be a pot luck affair. Everyone is to bring a dish. These dinners are always fun and there is always a variety of good food.

Also, May is cookie month for our unit. For anyone who does not know what this is, these cookies are sent to Fort Lyons for the veterans to enjoy at snack times. If anyone wishes to bring cookies, please put them in coffee cans and place a tag on the top indicating how many are in the can. Bring them to the Post Home by the May 16th meeting. Florence Spiewak will send them to Fort Lyons.

Thanks again to everyone who has participated in the activities and an extra big thanks to Dick and Sheila Wilson, Jose and Jesse Romaro, and Don Miller -- without the hard work of these people the Legion birthday would not have gone as smooth as it did.

BETTY MIKULECKY  
PRESIDENT, UNIT 209.

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

April 1	Auxiliary Executive Committee meeting. Year end reports for the Unit.
April 13	Ollie Bell and his guitar Sing-Along from 7PM - ?
April 18	Regular Meeting Pot Luck 6 pm Meeting 7 pm
April 27	Come dance to Cow Town Swing from 8:00 - 12:00
May 6	District Convention Post 209
May 11-12	Leadership Conference at the Colorado Springs Motor Inn. 7:30 a.m. registration.
May 16	Regular Meeting.
May 18	Installation of Officers. Look for more on this later.

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