

### CENTENNIAL POST 209 THE AMERICAN LEGION





APRIL 1994

## FINAL WARNING

## FROM THE COMMANDER

I WILL CEASE BINGO OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS NO RESPONSE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TO THIS PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE!!!!!!!

WITHOUT BINGO THERE WILL BE NO FUNDS TO CARRY OUT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

THIS THE FINAL APPEAL. HELP!!!!!!

PLEASE CALL 599 8624 AND LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

FLOYD BUFKIN COMMANDER

#### POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER FLOYD BUFKIN SR VICE COMMANDER AL CYRIAQUE JR VICE COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON **ADJUTANT** ANN FOSTER FINANCE OFFICER LARRY JOHNSON HISTORIAN KENNETH ANDERSON **SGT-AT-ARMS** AL LENDER CHAPLAIN **HOWARD HORNIK** JUDGE ADVOCATE **GEORGE CARNES** SERVICE OFFICER TED RIDDLE EXEC COMMITTEEMAN **NEAL THOMAS** 

**DUES \$25.00** 

#### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT **BARBARA JOHNSON** 1ST VICE PRESIDENT DOROTHY DASSERO 2ND VICE PRESIDENT LOIS EGNOR MARCIA SHELLHAMMER SECRETARY TREASURER PATTI HABAN HISTORIAN HILDA PIFER CHAPLAIN MARIA SANDOVAL SGT-AT-ARMS IREANA CAMPBELL

**DUES \$12.00** 

#### **MEETINGS**

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m. POTLUCK - 6:00 p.m.

#### **EDITOR**

DOROTHY DASSERO

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#### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation of officers will be conducted on 21 May at the K Diamond, located on South Circle and Monterey. Social hour will commence at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The menu will consist of your choice between baked steak with mushroom sauce or fried chicken served with a dinner salad, baked potato, vegetable, hot bread and coffee or tea. The cost for this evening will be \$10.00 per person. If you are going to attend, you need to call the Post at 599-8624, leave your name and dinner choice with the Adjutant, Ann Foster, and we will see you there.

Larry Johnson

#### ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann

Foster

I am sad to report there has been no change in our membership of 424. At this rate, we will be the only Post in our District to not reach 100%. Surely, we can do better than this! Surely, there are 97 of us who could sign up at least one member so we could reach our 100% goal for our Department Commander, June Thomas! PLEASE HELP US AID OUR FELLOW VETERANS THROUGH MEMBERSHIP!

The American Legion National Oratorical Contest will be 15 April at Fairchild Hall, the Air Force Academy. If you would like to attend, park in the East end parking lot at the Field House between 8:15 - 8:30 A.M. There will be two buses to take you up to Fairchild Hall and return you to your car. This is the first time Colorado has been able to host this event. Four finalists will speak on the Constitution.

The Arthritis Telethon will be at Channel 21 Fox studios, 560 Wooten Road, 17 April. We need people to call in their pledges and 7-8 people to man the telephones from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Please call the office, 599-8624, so we will expect you.

Our National Commander, Bruce Thiesen, will be at Post 38 for a Reception on Wednesday, 20 April, at 6:30 P.M. Commander Thiesen is very personable and will be glad to see you.

The general meeting on 21 April will be at Calvary United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. This is a very important meeting as we will be electing officers for the coming Legion year. We will also be initiating new members or any not previously initiated. Please call the office if you would like to participate. The Executive Committee meeting for May will be on the 4th at the office.

Ten years ago, in March, I attended a meeting of Centennial Post 209, and one of the most important things I noticed was that anyone who wanted to say something was given the floor and everyone listened. When I was asked if I wanted to join this Post, I was told this is the way it was at every meeting and that it would be maintained that way in the future.

There were other things that led me to become a member of Centennial Post, the friendliness and thoughtfulness, the true concern for other members. Legionnaires talked with each other, not arguing or pointing fingers as we saw during the past year.

Some Legionnaires decided not to renew membership as they were upset at the way things were handled or mad at someone. The irony of this is that these same Legionnaires joined the Post because of the programs. The Boys State program takes young men and helps them to develop into the leaders of tomorrow; the Oratorical contest with its educational opportunities.

The saddest thing though is the individual(s) is not being hurt by not renewing membership but the American Legion, its programs for Veterans, Children and Youth and others, will suffer. The other thing I learned the past ten years is that the only way things change is by the involvement of members, those who care and do something about it, the Legionnaires who set aside their personal feelings and work as a team in order to achieve a common goal.

We still have time, if we act like an American Legion Post, to achieve our membership goals and center our activity on the programs needing our participation.

I would like to ask each Legionnaire aware of a member who did not renew, to ask him/her to renew, support the programs and become involved with the activities of the Post. After all a Post is only as good as its members.

LARRY JOHNSON

A LEGIONNAIRE

#### AUXILIARY NEWS

#### BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

I can hardly believe it is April. So many things have happened this year.

April is the month we vote on officers for the 1994-95 year. At our March meeting, the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

President - Dorothy Dassero Vice President -Treasurer - Barbara Johnson Secretary - Marcia Shellhammer Chaplain - Florence Spiewak Historian -Sqt-at-Arms - Ruth Hornik

As you can see, we need a Vice President and Historian.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor. If you can devote some time to the Auxiliary, we certainly can use your help. To be an effective unit, we need to have all offices filled by ladies who are willing to help and do a good job.

Please attend. Your vote will mean a great deal towards a successful year.

Potluck will be served before the meeting. Bring your favorite dish to share and join us.

I would like to thank Ireana, Florence, Dot, Vi and Marcia for setting-up and decorating for the Legion Birthday Dinner. Also a thank you to Alice Hart for ordering and picking up the delicious cake the Auxiliary donated for the dinner.

April 6-7:00 P.M. - Executive Meeting April 9 - District Ball Post 38 April 21 - Regular meeting - Potluck Election of Officers for 1994-95 May 1 - District Convention - Unit 38, Security - Registration 12:30

### MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

Membership is up to 74. We need 16 more to make the 90 set for us by Department. Fifteen of our members have not renewed. I am sure some of that fifteen have just not gotten around to it. Please, please, send in your dues. Some of you have daughters and granddaughters who are not members. Call and ask for applications and we'll send them to you. Help us make our goal!

#### SALON 422 8 ET 40

Salon 422 of the 8 & 40 will hold its regular meeting at Post 5, April 18, 7:30 P.M. Marcia Shellhammer will hostess this meeting. This is election night so come out and vote.

The Denver Post is planning to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of D-Day with extensive historical coverage. It is asking that any member who participated in the D-Day landing contact the Denver Post as it is interested in your story. The newspaper is especially interested in finding veterans who may be traveling to France for the anniversary. Todd Engdahl is the Executive City Editor, phone number - 820-1650.



# April 1994 CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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